

You can't **QUARANTINE** the **GOSPEL**

Small Group Curriculum

WEEK 3 - WE SHARE

OPENING DISCUSSION:

1. What were some things that changed for you this last week? What's one word to describe how you are feeling?
2. Let's hear from 3 volunteers: How did it go caring for people in your Cause Circle last week?
3. By a show of hands, how many of you watched Greg's video, "*You Can't Quarantine the Gospel: We Share!*"?
4. Say something like: Thanks to everyone who watched the video. Even if you didn't, we're glad you're joining us online for youth group this evening. You'll still be able to participate in our discussion, but I really encourage everyone, with all of the extra time we have on our hands, to watch each week's video in preparation for our time together.
5. One more quick reminder before we jump in: Download the *Life in 6 Words* app if you haven't already! You can find it wherever apps are available or you can go to li6w.com and download it from the website. *If the platform you are using for Youth Group Online has a chat feature you can type the li6w.com web address into it so your group can easily access it.*

TRANSITION INTO THE LESSON:

Ask a volunteer to read Mark 1:36-38:

"Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

Remind your students that despite our current circumstances, "You Can't Quarantine the Gospel!" This week we are taking a look at Share.

LESSON :

In what ways did Jesus show the importance of sharing the gospel in this passage in Mark (*have a student re-read if needed*)?

Jesus knew that you couldn't quarantine the gospel.

- He shared the gospel from town to town.

"After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him," Luke 8:1

Although we aren't supposed to meet with other people in person, how can we share the gospel in various places right now?

- He mobilized His disciples to do the same.

"After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go." Luke 10:1

If we want to spread the gospel, then we must be the monkey (like in the Outbreak movie Greg referenced)!

We are going to focus our next 10-15 minutes, talking through specific steps to share the gospel with others.

We bring it up.

- ASK
 - » Encourage your students to always ask great questions when they are starting a gospel conversation.
 - » Ask a volunteer to read Proverbs 20:5 *"The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out."* Ask your students how this verse relates to the reason why it's good to ask great questions.
 - » Have your students share (in the chat feature) some questions they could ask friends at this unique time in history to start a gospel conversation.

- ADMIRE

- » Remind your students that it's important to admire something about what they believe because it builds bridges.
- » Ask a volunteer to read Proverbs 15:1 *"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."* Ask your students how this verse relates to taking the time to admire what others believe.
- » Have your students share (pick a few to verbally answer) what they could admire about someone who is a Mormon, agnostic, and atheist.

- ADMIT

- » Challenge your students to admit (in the gospel conversation) that they're so messed up they needed Jesus to save them!
- » Ask a volunteer to read 1 Timothy 1:15 *"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."* Ask your students how this verse demonstrates the importance of admitting that we need Jesus.

We explain it.

Ask a different student to read each of these statements (from their *Life in 6 Words* app).

God created us to be with Him. (Genesis 1,2)

Our sins separate us from God. (Genesis 3)

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds. (Genesis 4–Malachi 4)

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (Matthew–Luke)

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. (John)

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Acts –Revelation)

Play a game where you ask your students to turn over/put away their phones and then randomly type in one of the letters (G, O, S, P, E or L) into the chat box and see who can type in the whole statement correctly first.

Ask a volunteer to read Romans 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."* Ask the students how this verse can help motivate them to share the gospel clearly.

We give them an opportunity to respond.

This question would be a great one to ask after sharing the G.O.S.P.E.L: “Does that make sense?” (if not, then ask what part they don’t understand or agree with and discuss it some more). Has anyone asked that question to anyone? How did they respond?

If they say yes to the above question, follow up with: “Is there anything holding you back from putting your faith in Jesus right now?” What are some important things to remember at this point in the conversation?

SHARE DARE (PICK ONE OF THESE OPTIONS):

1. Use your computer to video call someone and then walk them through the gospel using the *Life in 6 Words* app (be on the lookout for a new update of the app that allows you to use it even more effectively without being face to face).
2. Text or call a friend and have a gospel conversation using Ask, Admire, Admit, G.O.S.P.E.L., and the two closing questions as described above.
3. Text a friend this video called “Have you ever wondered about God?” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4pWC9C4r14> and then follow up with asking what they thought about the viewpoints presented in the video and try to lead into the gospel.

Have your students go into their Cause Circle section of the *Life in 6 Words* app, click on the number in the middle of the circle, then click on the individual names of those they have shared the gospel with and shift the focus to share. If they don’t have a smartphone, then they can go to www.dare2share.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Cause-Circle-Prayer-Care-Share.pdf and view a Cause Circle for themselves. If the student has a printer at home, they could download it, print it and write the names on it. If they don’t, then they could just draw a simplified version and write the names on it.

Give the gospel and prompt students who make a first-time decision to message you or call you afterwards:

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SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.

PAYING the price for sin Jesus died and rose again.

EVERYONE who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

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Leader Note: As a follow up, use the Groups feature in the *Life in 6 Words* app to create a digital group that enables your group to continue to be encouraged by each other as they pray, care and share.



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