

In the final week of our Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Advent series, Pastor Jesse teaches how sharing the truth – our faith – is a decision, but it's not an option. Yet, studies show this is something most of us aren't doing and most people aren't interested in. Let's continue reminding ourselves of the real "why" behind sharing the truth.

DISCUSSION

1. Revisit and read Romans 5:6-11. Before you even thought about stepping over the Faith Line, Jesus died for you. Share what your life looked and felt like before that decision.

2. Now, remember when you first stepped over the Faith Line. How did you get there? Did anyone share the truth of the Gospel with you? Share your story, who was involved, and what your experience was like.

3. Share what God changed in your life as you've continued following Him. Compare who you were in question one to who you are now. What's particularly meaningful to you?

4. How is taking the time to remember and share your faith story impacting you right now? Share what you've remembered, been reinspired by, and has stirred in your heart.

Remember, sharing our faith out of obligation isn't ideal. First remembering God's love for us and his impact on our lives makes the truth, or faith, much more natural to share.

TAKE ACTION

- 1. Spend time in prayer thanking God for placing the right people, places, and events in your life to believe in him.
- 2. Write out your story of coming to faith in Jesus so it's easier to remember. You may discover additional details you hadn't thought about for a while!
- 3. When in conversation with people in your Little lowa, look and listen for ways their story reminds you of how God met you in yours. Don't be surprised if you find new opportunities to share what God has done in your life believing he can do the same for them.

RESOURCES. 1. Sharing the Gospel with Ease by Thom S. Rainer

2. The Art of Neighboring by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon

3. Start with Why by Simon Sinek