

TALK IT OVER

Not Private

BOTTOM LINE

Your faith is personal but was never meant to be private.

CONVERSATION STARTER

You have received \$25,000—not to keep. You must give it away. Who would be the recipients and why?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: <u>newpointeorg/daily</u>
- A 3-minute video called <u>Faith</u>
 <u>Is Personal But Not Private</u>

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16 NIV

"Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." John 14:8-9 NIV

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation. Colossians 1:15 NLT

"All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 AMP

"Your faith was meant to go viral. If you are a true follower of Jesus Christ, you embrace His mission and strategy and multiple yourself." – Dwight Mason

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How is a correct understanding and acceptance of the authority of Christ essential to making disciples? How is embracing the presence of Christ essential for faith going viral? Are there any of the central elements of faithful following discussed that you might have left out? Any others you might have included? When we add things that are NOT central to salvation as essentials (and this happens regularly), we muddy the faith and make it difficult for people to come to Christ. What have you seen that has been added in some circles? When we delete an essential, we misrepresent Jesus. In your experience, what has been deleted? Having responsibility for sharing an accurate vital faith and making disciples may seem intimidating, but it's meant to be natural. What have you found to be helpful? Who Jesus is and what He does when we receive Him is what is essential to our salvation. The change He has made in our lives is how we get most open doors for disciple-making. How does sharing the new habits we have developed as believers help us and help a new disciple? The HABITS are not essential for salvation, and we must be careful not to communicate that. But they are significant. How can you make that clear?

ACTION STEP

As an obedient follower of Jesus, I will show and share who Jesus is through

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