

How to Share the Good News!



“Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is” Psalm 66:2 NLT

- *Who shared the gospel with you and led you to Christ? To whom have you shared the gospel?*

Psalm 66 is a song of worship. Like all the Psalms, it has a theme. It seems that the theme of Psalm 66 is summarized in 66:2—**tell the world how glorious he is!** It is a musical celebration of witnessing to the Good News! It gives us some principles about witnessing and is not intended to be an exhaustive teaching.

Psalm 66 has four parts, or in musical terms, stanzas. Each section ends with the word “interlude” in the *New Living Translation* or “Selah” in other translations. 1. (66:1-4). 2. (66:5-7). 3. (66:8-15). 4. (66:16-20).

Central Lesson:

We all share a purpose in life, to TELL the world God's GOOD NEWS.

1. (Psalm 66:1-4) **Share God's Message of GOOD NEWS with the World.** The world is our mission field.

“Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is.” (66:2).

Bible teacher, Warren Wiersbe, wrote, “The psalmist invited all the Gentile nations to praise God for what he had done for Israel (vv. 5-7)! Why? Because though Israel, the Lord brought truth and salvation to the Gentiles. ‘Salvation comes through the Jews’ (John 4:22). This is a missionary psalm showing the importance of taking the good news of Jesus Christ into the world. God's purpose is that all the nations shall praise him (Ps 98:4; 100:1; Rom 15:9-12), but they can't do that until they trust him (Rom 10:11ff.).” (66:1-7).

2. (Psalm 66:5-7) **Share the EVIDENCE for God's Existence & the Truthfulness of the Gospel Message.** Apologetics is sometimes needed to help people believe.

“5 Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people! 6 He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and his people went across on foot. There we rejoiced in him.” (66:5-6).

The writer of this psalm had heard the stories about God rescuing the Israelites from the pursuing Egyptians. It was an unforgettable miracle. God opened a pathway through the Red Sea. The Israelites walked across to the other side, and when the Egyptians pursued, God closed the water back over them. The Jewish people who had witnessed this miraculous deliverance never forgot it. They passed the story on from one generation to the next.

The Jewish people did not question God's existence or doubt God's Word. They had seen or heard the evidence of God at work. We, too, have seen God at work. We, too, have access to the evidence. We have a message to share with the world.

3. (Psalm 66:8-15) **Share God's LOVE & CONCERN for Every Individual.** People need to know that God loves them and cares about them individually.

“8 Let the whole world bless our God and loudly sing his praises. 9 Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling. 10 You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver.”

Everyone individually matters to God. Some people think God doesn't care about them. Maybe it is because they feel like they are not talented or smart enough. Maybe they have done some bad in the past. There are several reasons for people thinking they are not important to God. But the Bible shows us that every individual is valuable to God. We need to tell people that God loves them and is concerned about them. And they can fully experience God's love and care by giving God their heart and accepting His Son as their Savior.

4. (Psalm 66:16-20) **Share Your TESTIMONY (Personal Story) of God's Care In Your Life.** People are impacted by hearing how God has been active in our personal lives.

“6 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. 17 For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. 18 If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 19 But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. 20 Praise God, who did not ignore “my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.”

Warren Wiersbe, wrote, “The entire Bible is a record of God's gracious dealings with his people, and while our words are not inspired, our witness can bring glory to the Lord. Prayer and praise naturally go together in expressing ourselves to God.” (66:17).

Suggestions for Sharing the Good News

- **Be trained**—on how to witness.
- **Start with prayer**—ask God to show you “Your One!” Ask the Lord to guide you to the people He wants you to talk to and to guide the conversation.
- **Remember**—God is already speaking to people's hearts.
- **Be positive and friendly**—we have “Good News” to share.
- **Build a friendship if time permits**—ask good questions about their lives and interests. Be a good listener.
- **Test their receptivity**—ask questions that will help you discern if they are open to a spiritual conversation. If not, add them to your prayer list for a later conversation. *For example, ask them if they go to church, or have they read the Bible, or would they like a free copy of the Bible, etc.*
- **Ask**—if you may share your testimony or a gospel presentation for example, The Three Circles, The Bridge Illustration, Gospel literature, etc.)
- **Discern next steps**—offer a Bible, follow-up literature, Next Steps for New Believers, an invitation to a discipleship group conversation, meet for coffee to talk more, invite to church or a small group, etc.

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- ▶ Accept Christ as your Savior. ▶ As a Christian, dedicate your life to Christ.
- ▶ Invite someone to next Sunday's study. ▶ Attend a small group. ▶ Read the Bible this week & journal meaningful verses. ▶ Pray for friends that need Jesus.