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12-14 hours and 20-30 personal  
interactions each day

Neighborhood

Work or school

Family members

People you socialize with

People you encounter in your everyday life

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What we experience when are  
working in the field

(or)

What we experience when we move  
someone towards Jesus through God  
empowered words and actions  
expressed in love

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## Luke 15

All the tax-gatherers and sinners were coming to hear Jesus. 2 The proud religious law-keepers and the teachers of the Law began to speak against Him. They said, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ...

....I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven because of one sinner who is sorry for his sins and turns from them, than for ninety-nine people right with God who do not have sins to be sorry for....

I tell you, it is the same way among the angels of God. If one sinner is sorry for his sins and turns from them, the angels are very happy.” ...

32 It is right and good that we should have a good time and be glad. Your brother was dead and now he is alive again. He was lost and now he is found.”

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An illustration from a top-down perspective showing a group of people sitting around a large, light-colored table. The people are depicted in various colors and are engaged in a meeting, with some looking at papers and others looking towards the center. The background is a light blue gradient.

**80%**  
**agree:**

**“I have a personal responsibility  
to share my religious beliefs  
about Jesus Christ with  
non-Christians.”**



## Transformational Discipleship

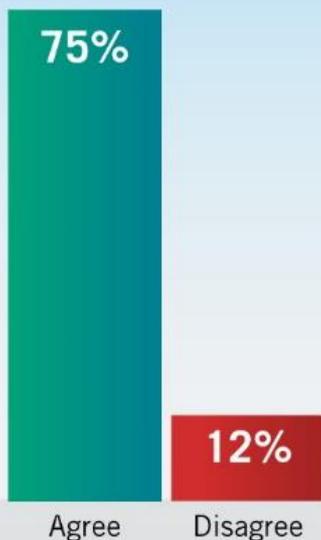
# SHARING CHRIST

Survey of 2,930 USA Protestant church goers

### COMFORT LEVEL



I feel comfortable that I can share my belief in Christ with someone else effectively



### ANXIETY LEVEL



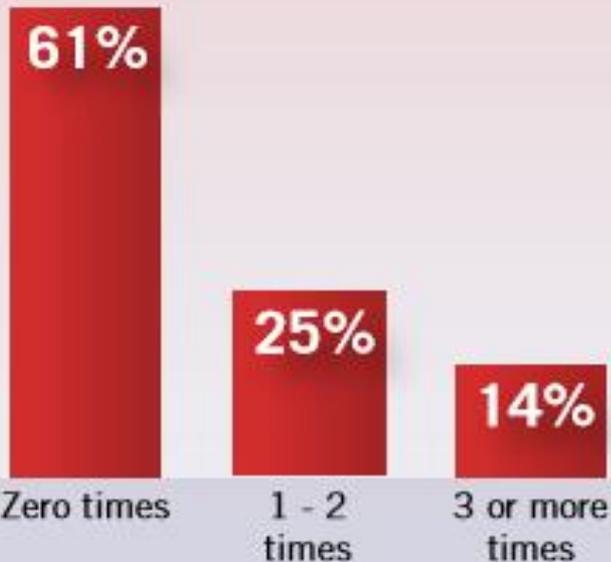
I am hesitant to let others know that I am a Christian



## SHARE



In the past six months,  
about how many times  
I have shared how  
to become a Christian



## INVITE



In the past six months,  
about how many times  
I have invited an  
unchurched person  
to attend a church  
service or program.



**Matthew 22:36-39** “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” 37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Mark 16:15** And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

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**1 John 2:4-6** If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

**1 John 5:1-3** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 2 We know we love God’s children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

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# **Challenge** *(for the next couple months)*

Tell the people in your life that you are a Christian

Make a list of people you know that do not identify themselves as Christians and pray for them regularly

Ask God to give you a specific act of service, encouragement or a prophetic word, and step out on whatever He gives you.

Tell a person how you became a Christian and how Jesus has changed your life.

Ask someone you notice is struggling or that you have compassion for how they are doing and listen well.

Get one person to come to church

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