

# Life Notes *Sharing Your Faith with Pastor Justin*

## 1. Styles of Sharing Your Faith – Part 2

### Style 4      The Interpersonal Style

**Biblical Example:** Matthew in Luke 5:29

Matthew, the former tax collector, had only recently come to faith when he realized that his tax-collecting coworkers also needed to know Jesus. So he decided to throw a party in his home, and invited the guys from the tax office as well as Jesus and the other disciples. This was no ordinary gathering, however, it was a “party with a purpose.” It was Matthew’s way of deepening relationships and influence with these friends he’d worked with so long, and also a way to let them rub shoulders with Jesus and the disciples.

**Characteristics:**

Relational Warmth, Conversational, “Friendship Evangelism” is their main method of sharing their faith

### Style 5      The Invitational Style

**Biblical Example:** The Samaritan Woman in John 4

Jesus broke all of the customs of his day to talk to this woman who was drawing water from a well – because she mattered to Him and to the Father. After starting a conversation with her and steering it toward spiritual topics, Jesus revealed that he was not just a prophet of God, but the promised Messiah himself. The woman immediately ran back to her town and told her friends about the conversation. She urged them to hurry and come to the well with her to hear what Jesus had to say. They accepted her invitation, and as a result of her efforts, some of them became followers of Christ.

Like the Samaritan woman, some of us are especially able to get people interested in whatever we’re involved with. You’re able to

fill your car with friends and new acquaintances when you go places. If that’s you and you apply your invitational ability to evangelism, you can have a great impact for God in reaching the lost!

**Characteristics:**

Hospitable, Relational and Persuasive

### Style 6      The Serving Style

**Biblical Example:** Tabitha (Dorcas) in Acts 9

Tabitha was a woman who served others by “doing good and helping the poor” (Acts 9:36). One of the ways she did this was by making clothing for the widows in her town. Her efforts were apparently having quite an impact. When she died, God sent Peter to go and pray over her, raise her from the dead, and put her back into service! So you see: there are benefits to having this style!

Some people care for others in such an effective way that those being served can’t help but look heavenward and realize there must be a God to motivate such self-sacrificing love. Those with the serving style are not serving people instead of sharing Christ with them. Rather, they share Christ first and foremost through their serving. Their selfless acts of kindness open up opportunities to speak about God as well.

**Characteristics:**

Others-centered, Work behind the scenes, Patient

Next week we will look at “How to Start Spiritual Conversations.”