

# Sharing God's Word

## One to One

Jesus said "I am the Good shepherd... my sheep hear my voice and I know them... I give them eternal life."

**John 10:15, 27, 28 (ESV)**

*This session guide outlines suggested elements you might use to help answer the key question below and achieve the aim of the training session. The time allocations can be adjusted according to the amount of time you have.*

**Key question:** How can I faithfully introduce people to Jesus in His Word?

**Aim:** To see that God's Word is powerful for evangelism, not just for growing Christians. Any Christian can be a Bible sharer with resources like The Word One to One.

### Pre-video ice breaker / discussion starter (3 min)

**Why do you think we might shy away from personally sharing God's Word in our evangelism?**

*We would recommend people split into pairs or triplets to discuss this and further questions. If you are doing more than one session over a period of time, it may be helpful for people to stick to the same pairs/groups so that they can build trust and support one another consistently.*

*We'd also recommend you either print the list of questions or display them on a screen if meeting in person. Put them into the chat feature before you head into breakout rooms if you're meeting online.*

### Play video by Carl Porter (approx. 15 min)

Download here: [apassionforlife.org.uk/fw2-vid-download](https://apassionforlife.org.uk/fw2-vid-download)

### Practical exercises and discussion questions (15 min)

*Below is a list of questions to consider using. You will not have time for all of them, so select those that you think will be most helpful for people to internalise and apply what they've just heard. Maybe you can think of others.*

1. How does Carl's experience of his first and "worst" one to one Bible reading session help us?

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2. How does the statistic that, on average, 1 in 5 people are open to finding out more about Jesus, challenge and/or encourage you? You might like to write down some names of people you know that you could ask.
3. How do you feel about the idea of being a loving page turner and fully relying on the Word of God to do the work of evangelism?
4. Do you have an evangelism partner? If not, who might you ask or how might you use a small group to help in this?
5. If you have copies of The Word One to One available, practise going through episode one in pairs. Does The Word One to One look like a resource you might use? Why or why not?  
*Visit [theword121.com](http://theword121.com) for free digital copies or for more information on how to purchase physical books.*
6. Pretend for a moment that you're in the position of an unbeliever. Based on Carl's Bible sharing approach, what do you think you might find helpful?

### Prayer time (12 min)

*We would recommend leaving some time for people to pray in their pairs or groups. You may like to ask them to reflect and pray about what has encouraged or challenged them from this session. They may like to include these points:*

- Thank God for the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, and that He has led us to follow Him.
- Pray for the people you would like to read God's Word with. Ask God to give them a curiosity and openness to learn more about Jesus in His Word.
- Ask God to help us and give us confidence to depend on Him when inviting people to read with us, and to depend on His Word to introduce them to Jesus and His gospel.

### Further Bible Reflection (10 min)

*This is an additional Bible reflection to go deeper into the main theme. You may choose to use it as part of the training session. Alternatively, you could hand it out on a printout / email it around for reflection during the week, along with the "take home" questions.*

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"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

**John 20:30-31**

**Context:** As John the gospel writer draws his record to a close, he gives us a wonderful insight into his whole reason and purpose for writing.

**Commentary:** Throughout his gospel, John has spoken of the messianic signs that point to Jesus' identity as the Son of God, the Saviour and the importance of believing in him that we might have eternal life.

**Comment:** In your pairs choose one part of John's gospel where you can show your partner that Jesus is the Christ and that by believing in him, they might have life in his name. Having done this, reflect upon how this might be possible with someone who doesn't know Jesus.

## Take home

*You may like to print out / email around this section so that people can re-watch the video and reflect further.*

Why not re-watch the video with a notebook open, praying that God will root these principles into your heart. Watch here: [apassionforlife.org.uk/fw2-view](https://apassionforlife.org.uk/fw2-view)

If you haven't done so already, check out [www.theword121.com](http://www.theword121.com) for more helpful tips and stories, and to access the online books for free. Why not pray about and plan to say something like the below to an unbelieving friend: "I've just learnt about these books that take you through a biography of Jesus. I'd really like to practise using it/try it out. Would you like to take a look at the first 18 sentences with me over a drink? It should only take about 20 minutes."

The Word One to One can also provide further training for you or your church - visit [theword121.com](http://theword121.com) for more information

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