

# MESSAGE GUIDE

## Everyday Evangelism

*"Why Do We Dare to Share?"*



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### CONNECT

- Describe a time when someone's positive, patient and loving attitude helped you in a difficult season.

### STUDY

In today's message, we sorted through various motivations for why we might share the Gospel with others. But, when all is said and done, the greatest motivation is love. Love for God and love for the lost people God loves. With this in mind, take a look at the following scriptures and think a bit more about the absolute importance of having love become a primary driver for our evangelistic investments.

- How do the following verses communicate God's great love for us: John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 4:10
- How do the following verses encourage us in how we are to act in love toward others: John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:1, 1 Peter 4:8-9, 1 John 4:7-8 and 19-21.
- How does Matthew 22:36-40 help support the point that the motivation for our evangelistic efforts needs to be love?

### APPLY

- Think of some of the unconventional (and in some cases, unlovely) people Jesus chose to love, even when those around him didn't approve or understand. Why was He so willing to connect with individuals that most people shunned?
- Can you think of some people you know need Jesus, but for whatever reasons, you find it difficult to love them? What needs to happen for your heart to change in your attitude toward them?
- At what point in your life have you been most captured by God's love for you? How did that awareness of God's love affect you?
- The Ephesian church (Revelation 2:14) was told by Jesus that they had "lost their first love." They were in many ways still obedient and dutiful, but their motivation had changed. How does this happen? What can be done to prevent it from happening?