



LIFE *On* MISSION

ADVENTIST CHURCH *in Sydney*

The Message

Have you ever tried spending a day without talking with anyone, even if there are people around you? It is really hard! You might enjoy the silence for a while, but eventually you end up naturally drifting back into talking to the people around you. As humans, we were created to communicate.

Try spending an evening as a group being totally silent and without talking to anyone. See how long it lasts! If you want to try another experiment, tell someone in the group some really exciting news and then ask them not to tell anyone. See how long it is until most of your mutual friends know about it!

Digging into the Bible

Jesus had a message to share with the world and He started sharing this message as soon as He began His public ministry. Read the summary of that message in **Mark 1:14,15**.

1. Why was the message that Jesus shared good news to the people who heard it?
2. What is the kingdom of God, in your understanding?
3. How did Jesus demonstrate what the kingdom of God was like in His ministry?
4. How is repentance connected with the kingdom of God and the gospel?
5. Why was it important that Jesus shared this message with the world?

When Jesus sent out His disciples, He also gave them the same message to share. Go over again the instructions that Jesus gave His disciples in **Luke 10:1-12**.

6. Why was it important that the disciples actually shared the message with people rather than just heal the people and meet their needs?

Paul also highlights the importance of sharing the gospel message of the gospel with people. Read his perspective on this in **Romans 10:9-17**.

7. Why does Paul say that it is important to share the gospel message with people?

Making It Practical

Quite a few Christians avoid talking about their faith in Jesus. They use the quote from Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." They take this to mean we should only talk about our faith if we are forced to. It is our lifestyle, they say, which is our greatest witness.

It is very important that the way we live is consistent with what we say. However, Jesus would often talk about the good news of the kingdom. So would Peter and Paul. If we are to follow their

example, then we would also tell people about the message of the good news about Jesus and His kingdom too.

The best way that we can share the gospel message is in a way which people actually want to hear. This includes:

- Reassuring people that God really does care for them
 - Sharing Bible promises with them that are specifically relevant to their situation
 - Telling them honestly and in a natural way what Jesus has done in our lives and how He has answered our prayers
 - Praying for their concerns and needs
 - Praying for supernatural peace, wisdom and strength for them in their situation
8. Who shared the gospel with you? How did they do it in a way which made an impact on your life?
 9. What promises in the Bible do you find particularly helpful and encouraging? How can you memorise these promises so that you have them ready to share with people you meet?
 10. What has Jesus done in your life that you could share with people who do not have a strong faith in Him?

Talk with the Master

Spend time praying conversationally as a group. Ask Jesus to confirm the gospel message in your mind and heart so that you are ready to share with others. Pray that He would give you opportunities to share the gospel message. Finally, pray that the Holy Spirit would give you confidence and boldness to share the good news about Jesus.