

Connect Group

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Who invited you to The Bridge?

Have you heard of The Great Commission?

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." – Matthew 28:19

- How does the great commission relate the series concept of being a 2am friend?

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" – Matthew 22:37-39

- How does the Great Commandment relate to being a 2am friend?

Is there anyone in your life right now who is in the midst of tragedy, tension, or transition?
What could showing up look like for them?

Would you agree that sometimes it's easy to show up but hard to speak? If yes, why is it hard? Can you think of an example when you wish you would have spoken up more? If you don't find it hard to share, what makes it easy or natural for you to share?

Pastor Marty shared a true story about a tight-rope walker who carried a friend across on his back. It illustrated the difference between "believe that..." and "believing in..." Does the difference make sense to you? What would it look like in your life (in your time, conversations, thoughts, money, decisions, etc.) if or when you moved from "believe that" about Jesus to "believe in" Jesus?

Read Galatians 2:20 – "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

- What does this verse mean to you?

Pastor Marty shared four reasons why we don't share more about our faith. Which one resonates with you the most and why?

- A. Don't feel secure in what we believe
- B. Feel like a hypocrite
- C. We get in our own way
- D. Don't know how

How secure are you about what you believe? Where do you feel insecure?
Do you know your story?

1 Peter 3:15-16 – "And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear."

How to share your hope:

1. Pray - (Who are two people you are praying for to know the hope of Jesus?)
2. Know Your Story - (What is your version of "I once was _____, and now I'm _____ because of Jesus.")
3. Practice - Authenticity beats perfection - Be you.
4. Invite - Be ready, be kind, and be bold!

Practice sharing your story with someone. Keep in mind that the purpose is to help a friend see how faith in Jesus has been helping in your life so keeping it brief and clear is probably more helpful than sharing all the details of your whole story.