

Reflection:

As we as a church embark on the FISH project in-conjunction with the BELLS project, tonight, we are going to look at some of our own fears and even anxieties when it comes to sharing the gospel with others. We need to be mindful that when we do share the Gospel, there may be times of rejection. Even the loss of friends or family. As William Fay describes “When people reject your message, it is not you they reject; they are rejecting Jesus and God’s Word. Therefore, you didn’t fail in your obedience. Even if the way you share the message is tactless or unloving, God can use it. What he can’t use is our sin of silence.”<sup>1</sup> First and foremost, prayer is the biggest key when it comes to sharing the gospel, so let’s keep this in mind as we journey together. Tonight, let’s also respect others with how they feel and continue to spur and encourage one another on.

1. There are six areas which we may feel or experience when we share the gospel.

As William Fay explains:

- (a) I’m afraid of being rejected
- (b) I’m afraid of what my friends will think
- (c) I don’t think I can share with my co-workers
- (d) I don’t know enough
- (e) I’m afraid of losing my friends or relatives
- (f) I don’t know how

Are there areas here which you would identify with?

Let’s read together and reflect on what Jesus said in Luke 10:16

“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever **rejects** you **rejects** me; but whoever **rejects** me **rejects** him who sent me.”

2. Let now read and reflect on Hebrews 4:12-13

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<sup>1</sup> William Fay and Linda Evans Shepherd, *Share Jesus without Fear* (Tennessee: B&H Publishing Group, 1999).  
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William Fay explores some good tools to use when sharing about Jesus. One of them is to ask the other person to read a portion of Scripture and ask them to reflect on it. I wonder if the best form of sharing is asking good questions?

“What does this Scripture mean/say to you?”

3. Let's have a read through some of these Scriptures and think about if we were to share these with a person, what would some of their reactions be.

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

John 3:3

John 14:6

Romans 10:9-11

2 Corinthians 5:15

Revelation 3:20

4. Time to reflect again on the BELLS project.

How does the BELLS project provide you with a tool for how to share the gospel? Has this tool be useful for you yet?

5. If you were involved in a small group who were being intentional about the BELLS project, what do you think the outcomes could be?

6. Would you also prayerfully consider participating at the WAC Spring Fair?