



Deeper Application Message Guide

"I Gotta Tell Somebody?"

Speaker: Pastor Keith Harrington

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Getting Started

- 1) What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

- 2) When we are faced with something we're not sure how to do, most of us have a bias toward either *embrace it* or *avoid it*.
 - a) Which one most characterizes you?

 - b) Does an unknown outcome in a situation create in you *excitement* or *anxiety*?

- 3) Most of us have things that interest us or that we like to talk about (sports, kids, travel, hobbies)
 - a) What motivates you to talk to people about your interests or things you care about?

- 4) Only 2% of the Christians in the world actually share their faith.
 - a) If you had to identify with just one of the three most popular reasons why Christians don't share their faith which would you identify with the most?
 1. I Don't have the answers
 2. Fear of Rejection
 3. I might say something wrong

Into the Bible

- 5) Read **Acts 20: 22-24** Paul is speaking and has been made aware that he will face hardships if he shares the gospel, yet Paul is undeterred.
 - a) What are some things in your life that you would face hardship for? (ex. Your kids, your marriage, your job)

 - b) If you knew the outcome of a decision would be positive, would it make it easier to face the hardship or fear associated with that decision? Explain.

- 6) Read **John 14:26-28 & Roman 10:14-15, 17**
 - a) Imagine for a moment you had never heard about Jesus, how might your life be different?

 - b) If you were to share your faith, even if it is not accepted what does it say about your claim to follow Christ? What does it communicate to the people around you?

 - c) Keith said that "religious people are more worried about where they come from than where they are going." Do you agree? If so, why would religious people not want new people to know Christ? What are they afraid of?

Digging Deeper

- 7) Keith shared about his love for cheesecake and how sharing the gospel is just like sharing about what you love.
 - a) Make a list of at least five people you can share Christ with.

 - b) Pray and ask God to give you the courage and determination to share Christ with your list of people.