

**People**  
Part 3  
"Profess"  
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## Review:

A passionate pursuit of GOD will result in a personal love for PEOPLE!

Commit to the journey of DAILY SURRENDER to God!

## BIG IDEA:

Six styles of sharing YOUR faith YOUR way:

### 1. Confrontational Style

Peter in Acts 2:22-24

### 2. Intellectual Style

Paul in Acts 17:22-23

### 3. Testimonial Style

Man Born Blind in John 9:25

### 4. Interpersonal Style

Jesus and Levi (Matthew) in Luke 5:27-29

### 5. Invitational Style

Jesus & the Samaritan woman in John 4

### 6. Serving Style

Tabitha (Dorcas) in Acts 9:36-43

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*For further study of today's message*

**ENTRY POINT:** Begin by reading through the following EVANGELISM styles and deciding which STYLE BEST DESCRIBES YOU.

#### 1. Confrontational Style

- In conversations, I like to approach topics directly without much small talk or beating around the bush.
- I put people on the spot when it seems necessary
- I do not have a problem confronting my friends with the truth even if it risks hurting the relationship – I tell the truth, even when it hurts.
- I sometimes get in trouble for lacking sensitivity and gentleness

#### 2. Intellectual Style

- You love to read and understand issues being debated in society
- You tend to analyze things
- You naturally focus on the questions or ideas that people might be talking about, or that might be keeping them from decisions
- You enjoy discussions and debates on difficult questions
- You get frustrated with people who are illogical or have weak arguments
- You like to get at the underlying reasons for opinions that people hold.

#### 3. Testimonial Style

- You often tell personal stories to illustrate a point
- You identify with others often, saying things like "I used to feel/think that way"
- People are interested in hearing you tell the story of how you came to faith in Christ
- You intentionally share your mistakes with others when you feel it will help them relate to answers you have found
- People are interested in hearing stories about things that have happened in your life.

#### 4. Interpersonal Style

- You are a people person; high value on friendship
- People recognize your ability to make new friends
- You'd rather talk about personal life issues than abstract ideas
- You want to talk about life first and belief second
- You enjoy long talks with friends
- You are generally an interactive, sensitive, caring person

#### 5. Invitational Style

- You enjoy including new people in activities you are involved in
- You are more comfortable having someone else answer questions your friends might ask, even if you know the answer
- You make a big effort to bring people to things that you think might impact them
- You regularly try to match the needs/interests of friends with an event or book that they might enjoy or benefit from

#### 6. Serving Style

- See needs in people that others often overlook
- Find fulfillment in helping others "behind the scenes"
- Prefer to show love through action rather than words
- Enjoy giving quiet demonstrations of Christian love
- Tend to be practical and action oriented rather than word oriented

With which style or styles am I most comfortable and why?

How can I use my style preference(s) to share what the Lord has done in my life? Give an example.

What, if anything, keeps me from being ready and willing to PROFESS at any time? To tell my story about God's goodness and mercy towards me?

Romans 10:13-14 (NASB) for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not HEARD? And how will they HEAR without a *preacher*?