

GO MONTH

GO GUIDE

How Sharing Your
Faith Becomes Easy



AND IS AN IMPORTANT WORD FOR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.



There's a well-known story about Jesus where "and" becomes especially significant. You might know the one we're talking about...

Shortly after Jesus's resurrection, Jesus goes up on a mountain with His disciples and gives them a commission to carry out. This commission was His final, great instruction to His closest group of friends before He ascended into Heaven.

The significance of this commission was not lost on His followers. They had just watched their friend suffer a gruesome death, disappear behind a huge stone that closed off his tomb, and now here He was in front of them very much alive. They were likely hanging on His every word.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

—MATTHEW 28:18-20A

And these are the words He chose to leave with them before His departure into the clouds. These words are weighty, noteworthy, consequential. So much so that they've become the springboard for evangelism efforts across the globe since that time, including ours—we are the GO Movement.

But there's more to this story...

The part of this historical moment that is indispensable for our generation is what comes next. Because after giving His Great Commission, He says more: there's an "and" to take to heart before you "go."

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

—MATTHEW 28:20B

In other words, **you are not alone, friends**. When you go, I will be with you. Always. Even to the very end. It's a sure thing.

Think about that for a minute. No, really, pause here for a moment, close your eyes, and let that thought penetrate your heart...

I am not alone. He is with me, always.

NOW TURN THAT PROMISE INTO A PRAYER:

"God, I thank you that you have not left me alone. Even when I can't see you, you are with me. When I obey and 'go,' you are with me. I don't have to be afraid. I don't need all the right words. I don't have to do it by myself. You are with me. Help that truth take root in my heart in a deeper way. Help me to know who to share this hope with. Enable me to see those around me with new eyes. Turn my fear into hope for someone's eternal destiny."

Now while you stay in the posture of prayer, let's walk through a simple and effective way to walk in the footsteps of Jesus's disciples. Jesus's commission is for you too.

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TESTIMONY

Today I asked the gas station cashier how her day was going so far. She responded with an OK. I asked if I could pray for her. She looked a bit shocked but quickly responded, sincerely, "Yes. You can." With tears in her eyes she asked for prayer for her anxiety. After I prayed she grabbed both of my hands and thanked me. I asked her if she knew if she was going to heaven. She said, "yes!" I asked how she knew and she responded, "I want to go there because my Dad and my Grandpa are there." I explained how we can know if we are going to heaven, I explained the gospel to her. We went through **bible verses** together. I asked, 'now that you know what you know, is there any reason that you wouldn't want to ask Jesus for His free gift of salvation?' We prayed together and she accepted Christ as her Savior today.

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LET'S GO TOGETHER



01 First Things First

PRAY

➤ **When Jesus gave that call to GO, He promised to be with us. And we need Him with us, because only God has the power to save.**

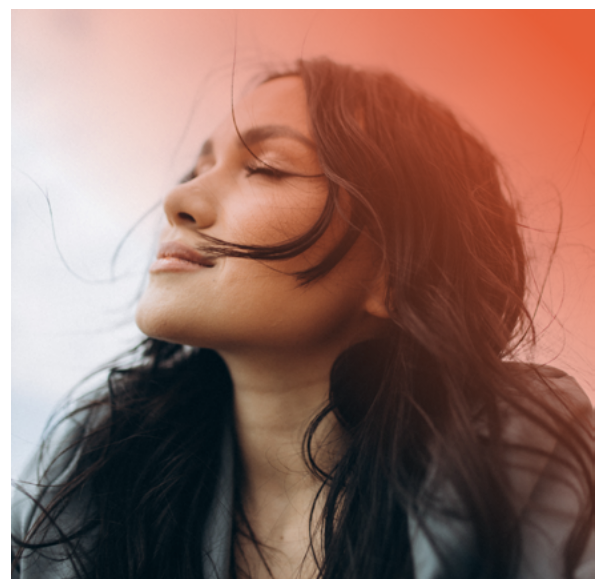
In Matthew 6 (a couple of years before Jesus gives His GO commission), Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray. In verse 6, He says, “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.”

Notice that He doesn’t say **if** you pray... but **when** you pray. For a follower of Jesus, it’s important that our starting point—the greatest and most important conversation of our life—is prayer. It’s our lifeline. It keeps us humbly aware of our need for God, gives us boldness to speak his Word, and provides the source of strength that keeps us from burning out over decades of life.

Jesus doesn’t expect us to come with lots of words or impressive sentences. In fact, He asks us not to (Matthew 6:7–8). He understands the language of our hearts. He wants us to talk to Him the way we would a close friend, or a loving dad or mentor.

So before you begin intentionally talking to others about God, let’s start by praying for them. Ask God to highlight 5 (or more) people in your life who don’t currently know Jesus. Think of your friends, family, school, workplace, or neighborhood. Write down their names and commit to pray for them daily. (We’ll call these your “5.”)

Then, use the below Bible verses as a starting point for prayer. If the Lord puts other prayers or verses on your heart, pray those for your 5, as well!



01 PRAYER: First Things First

5 PRAYERS FOR YOUR 5

1. Direct the heart

God, I pray that you would direct _____'s heart toward the comprehension of your love, and that you would instill in them perseverance that comes from Jesus. Glorify your Word and let your Word run directly to their heart. Cause _____ to see the beauty and power of your Word. (2 Thessalonians 3:1–5, Isaiah 55:11)

2. Lead to repentance

I pray in Jesus's name for an open heart as you reveal yourself to _____ in truth. Cause _____ to be able to see you rightly, not as the world wrongly portrays you. I pray that this revelation would produce repentance in _____'s heart. (Acts 16:14, Luke 24:45)

3. Cause faith to grow



Establish and ground _____ in the mind blowing love of God that passes their ability to understand. Give _____ faith to believe in you, so that Jesus can dwell in their heart and they can experience the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16–19)

4. Reveal Jesus

God, I ask that you would give _____ wisdom and revelation to see you and the hope that we have in Christ. Reveal the transforming beauty of Jesus and the church's destiny in God. (Ephesians 1:17–19)

5. Give boldness

God, I thank you that you have not given me a spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind. Help me to boldly speak the truth about you to those around me. Open a door for me to speak about Jesus in conversation with _____. Let _____'s heart be softened to see the mystery of God's love toward them. (Acts 4:24–31, Romans 1:16, Colossians 4:2–4, 2 Timothy 1:7)

I WILL PRAY FOR MY 5

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Get the **GO Pray for Five** card below or use your own way to write down your five names.

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02 The Way of Jesus

CARE

➤ While Jesus spoke the truth boldly and prayed to the Father for His friends (John 17), He also listened to people as they shared the most painful parts of their lives with Him. He sat down and shared meals with them. He healed sick bodies, hearts, and minds.

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us...” —2 CORINTHIANS 5:18–20A

If we want to follow in Jesus’s footsteps, we need to intentionally get to know others and serve them. Many nonbelievers have been hurt in the past by people in the Church. Let’s acknowledge those wounds by committing to care and serve the way Jesus does.

This approach takes time and intentionality, but it is so worth it! **The greatest desire of the human heart is to be genuinely known and genuinely loved.**



02 CARE: The Way of Jesus

DEMONSTRATE THE LOVE OF JESUS

Here are some simple ideas to get you started:

- Try inviting your friend to a meal, or ask to join them in something they like doing for fun.
- Ask them questions about themselves and the things they love.
- If they're having a bad day, offer to help in a practical way.
- As people share their needs and stories with you, watch for specific ways you could serve them. For example, can you help someone with their homework, pick up something at the store for them, or mow their yard?
- Show that you notice the people around you. A text, a smile, a handwritten card, or a small gift can make a big impact and make them feel seen.
- Pray that God would help you see your 5 the way that He sees them. Once you start connecting to the compassionate and patient heart of God towards them, you can't help but want to share about the promise of eternal life.

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TESTIMONY

Working out at my gym, I got to know one of the coaches. In conversation, I had mentioned how working out is a way I want to honor God. Through more discussions and getting to know each other more, I extended an invitation to breakfast. At breakfast, I had my Bible Study with me. Once she arrived, she asked what I was reading, and I was able to share more about my faith story. Then I asked her if she had a story of life change. She replied no. The Lord opened the door for me to share the Gospel. I asked her if she wanted to have an opportunity to pray to receive Christ into her life, and she did! Praise the Lord! We are now meeting and keeping in communication as she wants to learn more and be discipled.

—KC



03 From the Heart

SHARE

➤ **Sharing Jesus starts with praying for your 5 and serving them in the day-to-day aspects of life—but it can't end there. Our acts of love pave the way for us to speak the name of Jesus. Our testimony is then strengthened by our actions that show we believe what we say.**

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” —ROMANS 10:14

Spending time with someone builds a relational bridge that allows you to have those deeper conversations. Be okay with the time it takes to build that bridge with your 5 people. (The stronger the bridge, the deeper those conversations can go.) Over time, ask God for help in bringing up spiritual questions that shift the conversation towards him.

As God gives the opportunity, share the Gospel in a clear and concise way. Statistics show that the majority of people are actually willing to engage in a spiritual conversation! You can be courageous yet loving when talking with others.

You don't have to have all of the answers. Acknowledge your own questions and mistakes along the way, and point them to Jesus as the source of truth and forgiveness.



03 **SHARE:** From the Heart

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Here are four simple steps and symbols to explain the Gospel and engage conversation.



If you want more resources like the above video, our GO Movement Resource Hub has free tools and training available.

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TESTIMONY

I was challenged to reach a person a day in the month of May. First I was overwhelmed by this task but I laid it into God's hands and simply started on the first day. Soon enough I realized that this task is heavy to carry alone, so I asked a friend if he is willing to join me. Since then we've shared the Gospel almost daily and it becomes lighter and lighter, day by day.

It's so amazing to see how God is using us, even if we are not always feeling good or happy when we go. But after we started the first conversation, God is shifting something in our hearts and his love is starting to flow through us into the hearts of the European (mostly atheists) people.

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**WHAT IF FOR ONE
MONTH A YEAR, WE
DO WHAT JESUS
TOLD US TO DO?**

**OUR GO CHANGES
SOMEONE'S
ETERNAL DESTINY.**



**WE ARE NOT ALONE.
LET'S GO TOGETHER.**



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WHAT'S NEXT?

➤ Throughout this month, we will be following up with stories and resources to inspire you as you pray, care for, and share with those around you. Follow us on social media for daily inspiration on your journey of May.

GO MONTH

The first GO was commissioned between Easter (Jesus's resurrection) and Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the disciples in the upper room). In our modern calendar, that timespan falls during the month of May. So in the spirit of Jesus's first command to GO, May has become a significant month symbolic of the original GO movement.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER BEFORE PENTECOST

May 18th – 27th: In preparation for GO Day, millions of believers are praying for the Global Harvest as the disciples did in the upper room 2,000 years ago.





GO DAY

Saturday, May 27th: Join 120 million believers on GO Day to share the Gospel with at least one person.

GO DECADE

Sunday, May 28th: Prayer for the GO Decade. Our goal is to inspire, strengthen, and connect Jesus-followers worldwide to "GO and make disciples of all nations" by 2033.

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**EVERYONE CAN
REACH SOMEONE.**

**TOGETHER WE CAN
REACH THE WORLD.**

GO MOVEMENT