



# COMMUNICATOR GUIDE

Everyday / Week 4

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## SERIES OVERVIEW

### SERIES SUMMARY

A series about growing in faith through the four faith skills.

### SERIES BOTTOM LINE

Growing a faith that goes with you everywhere, into everything.

### WEEKLY BOTTOM LINES

WEEK 1: We can connect with God every day.

WEEK 2: We can listen to God every day.

WEEK 3: We can talk to God every day.

WEEK 4: We can talk about God every day.

WEEK 5: We can worship God every day.

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## SCRIPTURE

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# TEACHING SCRIPT

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## BOTTOM LINE

WE CAN TALK ABOUT GOD EVERY DAY.

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## INTRODUCTION

2 MINUTES

Hey! I'm \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm so glad to be here as we continue in our series called *Everyday*. It's about the everyday things we can do to connect with God and grow a faith that goes with us everywhere, into everything.

Honestly, that's one of my favorite things. It's why I love coming here to talk to you about it! When you care about something so much, you can't help but talk about it with other people.

For example, what's something you really, really, really love right now? Something you're super into and can't stop talking about? Turn and tell somebody around you what that is for you. *[Pause to give students a chance to share.]*

### TELL A PERSONAL STORY

*Tell a story from your own life that illustrates the following thoughts or ideas . . .*

- Share about your favorite thing you liked to talk about when you were in middle school. This could be a trend, a TV show, a team, a hobby, etc.
- Bonus points if you can bring a photo, video clip, or prop to illustrate your point.
- The goal is to show how talking about this became an everyday thing for you at that time because you loved it so much.

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## TENSION

5 MINUTES

Whether it's a movie we saw, a place we visited, a sport we played, or a hobby we've picked up, we love talking about the things we're super into because we want other people to be into them, too. We want other people to experience what we've experienced!

We love the World Series, so we talk all about it to our friends so they'll get into it, too.

We're really into that one show on Netflix, and we can't quit telling everybody around us to watch it.

We love playing video games so much that they have become the biggest part of our conversations at school.

We're all about those new makeup tutorials on TikTok, so we keep sharing them with everyone we know.

Talking about the stuff we're really into is easy to make an everyday thing in our lives, right? Well, can I let you in on something? Talking about God can actually be the same.

Even in our groups at church, we all come to conversations about faith from different angles. Some of us are here because we believe in God and love learning about how to grow our faith. Some of us are here because we're new to or curious about faith and want to discover more. Some of us feel hurt by God, faith, or even other Christians, and that makes wanting to connect with God again complicated. And some of us are here not because we want to be or care to be but because, for one reason or another, we have to be.

I'd say that no matter why you're here, this conversation can meet you where you are. Even in just showing up, you're taking a step to at least think about and talk about God. And the more we talk about God, the more we'll know about God. The more we know God, the more we'll want other people to know God, too. Like with everything we love, eventually, we'll want others to experience what we've experienced.

Still, I get that the idea of talking about God can be intimidating. We might feel like we don't know where to start. We don't have the right words or the best answers or all the Bible verses memorized that we need to talk about God. Or we might just feel like it's super awkward. We're not the kind of person who loves talking to people in general, especially about something big like faith. And we definitely don't want to make someone uncomfortable or end up in a weird religious debate. We might not even be sure if we believe in God, so we feel like we can't talk about it until we figure it out.

Ultimately... we decide to say nothing.

Why does that matter? Well, because **talking about God is one big way we can connect with God**. It's good for our relationship with God to talk about what we trust about God and unpack why we trust it. And with that, it's good for the people in our lives to hear about it. It helps them understand more about who we are, how we've experienced God in our lives, and how they can experience God in the same way.

What I've noticed is that when people talk about what they're passionate about and believe strongly in, others tend to listen.

### **INTERACTIVE: Lip Sync Battle**

*This is where two students will compete in a lip-sync battle. The winner will be determined by who the crowd thinks is the most passionate, believable singer.*

See what I mean? We leaned toward and voted for *[insert the winner of the lip sync battle]* because of their passion and believability. They made us listen and pay attention. We all tend to lean into anyone who believes strongly in whatever they are saying, selling, or, in this case, singing.

So, what would it look like if we talked about God with the same passion and excitement that we just saw in that lip sync battle? And if talking about God is a big part of connecting with God, both for ourselves and for others, how can we get over what's holding us back?

### **How do we make talking about God a part of our everyday faith?**

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## TRUTH

3 MINUTES

If this whole idea of talking about God totally freaks you out, I promise it doesn't have to be as intimidating as you might think. In fact, what if you thought about it this way? **Instead of talking about what you know about God, you can talk about Who you know God to be.**

That's actually what helped the church get started. Two thousand-plus years ago, the church was started by a handful of people who were passionate about one specific Person: **Jesus**. Early believers couldn't

necessarily answer every single question about Jesus, but they didn't let that stop them. They were excited about Who they'd experienced in Jesus, so they talked about Him a lot, even if they didn't know all the details.

In the New Testament, the book of **Acts** gives us an amazing picture of what this looked like. Two of Jesus' friends and followers, **Peter and John**, talked a lot about Jesus. Keep in mind that Peter was the same dude who denied being a Jesus-follower when Jesus was arrested, beaten, and eventually crucified. But after Jesus came back from the dead, Peter became passionate about Jesus. Luke tells us in Acts 3 that Peter and John healed a man born crippled. Chaos ensued, which tends to happen when a man who had never walked could then run around in unmatched joy! People were absolutely shocked at this miracle, and Peter and John used the opportunity to tell everyone who would listen about Jesus. As they did, a few religious leaders noticed something. Take a look:

***When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13 NIV).***

It was obvious to the religious leaders of the time that Peter and John weren't trained or educated in talking about their faith. They didn't know as many details as other people might have. They probably wouldn't have won a debate about all the things Jesus said and did. But what they *did* know still mattered. **They knew Who Jesus was.** They knew Him because they'd experienced Him. They had a real relationship and connection with Him. So, that's what they talked about. That's what left the people listening so amazed. The more Peter and John talked about Jesus, the more everyone around them not only realized that they knew *what* they were talking about, but also *Who* they were talking about. Their talking about God so passionately inspired others to consider following Jesus themselves.

Here's what I think these two knew was important: **We can talk about God every day.**

Because of how Peter and John talked about God, many of the people around them wanted to know God, too.

Here's what's cool: We can be like Peter and John today. We may not know all the answers, but we can know God. We can talk about what we've experienced. We can share what we hope to learn about God as we grow in faith. We can talk about God not just so other people will know God better, but so that we'll know God better, too.

**We can talk about God every day.**

The more we share our thoughts, experiences, and even questions about God with others, the more we'll be challenged to keep talking, keep growing, and keep getting to know God ourselves. And that will help us make sharing about God part of our everyday faith.

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## APPLICATION

2 MINUTES

Easier said than done, right? It's one thing to know that **we can talk about God every day** as a way to connect, but it's another thing to actually do it. Here are a few things I want us to remember to make this a little easier this week.

First, know that **you don't need to know everything about God to talk about God.** Peter and John weren't the smartest or most educated people. They were just two guys who knew Jesus personally. They got to know God in real ways, and they let that motivate them to talk about God to others. They weren't looking to debate, or prove a point, or be seen as the most educated, religious people around. They were simply looking to share their experiences with God.

So, as you consider how you can make talking about God part of your everyday faith, try doing the same. **Focus on *Who you're talking about***. Instead of worrying about needing to know all of the answers and details, we can share more about Who God is and how God has impacted our lives.

Sometimes, we don't know how to talk about how God created the world. Maybe instead, we talk about how we see God's creativity in the world around us.

While we may not be able to explain why bad things happen, we can talk about how God comforts and supports us when bad things do happen.

If we can't explain the details of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, we can still talk about what the events mean for our lives and faith today.

If you've experienced God, you can talk about God. All you need to share is what you know about God from the relationship and faith you have right now. A good place to start? **By talking about what has happened in your own life.**

If you've seen God answer a prayer, share that.

If you've seen God change your attitude toward someone who has hurt you, talk about that.

If you've ever seen God do anything, big or small, in your life or the life of someone you know, tell it.

Tell your stories. Talk about what you've experienced. Focus on *Who* God is to you.

And if you're not so sure about Who God is to you, my encouragement would be to **start talking about what you're not so sure of!** Share the questions, doubts, and confusion you have with someone like a parent, a trusted friend, or your Small Group Leader. Be brave enough to start the conversation about God and see what happens from there.

Remember, talking about God won't just help others know God better; talking about God helps us know God better, too. That's why it's important to make it a part of our everyday faith.

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## LANDING

1 MINUTE

### **We can talk about God every day.**

Just think about what might happen if we chose to give this a try. That's the way the message of Jesus has spread over the last two thousand years.

And I think we can be part of continuing that movement. We can share our stories, doubts, experiences, and questions about God with the people around us. And a great place to start is in your Small Group. Small Groups are a place where you can talk about anything. These groups are here to help you know God better, and one way to do that is to talk to each other about where you are with God right now. Practice talking about God with each other and encourage each other as you do!

To start that conversation in Small Group, I want you to think about this question: **What's one thing about God that I can share with someone else?**

