

Is It Wrong to Share Your Faith With Others?

Once, we took our son to see the Rose Bowl Parade. Before start time, an unofficial parade-before-the-parade began. A group of “Repent or go to hell” sign carriers walked the route, shouting through bullhorns, “Confess your sins or go to hell.”

A man sitting near us started heckling them. Then one of the sign-carriers took offense and yelled back at him through his bullhorn. Soon, a tense in-your-face screaming match began. It was a teachable moment for our son—a real-life example of what not to do as Christ’s ambassador.

Sadly, the sign-carrier embodies what many people think of evangelism today. Just the word “evangelism” is loaded with negative connotations of pushing one’s agenda onto other people like this sign-wielding man.

Unfortunately, the cancel culture we’re living in is a reaction to some zealous people like this who may have overstepped boundaries in the past. Now in an effort to not “push” their faith on people of another faith, many Christians aren’t sharing their biblical faith at all. In fact, according to a Barna study, almost half of practicing Millennial Christians now believe it’s “wrong to share one’s personal beliefs with someone of a different faith in hopes that they will one day share the same faith.”

Yet we can and should persevere and share our biblical faith in loving, respectful ways. In fact, immigrants, international students and refugees who come to this country typically already assume you are Christian. They may even be disappointed if you held back from sharing what you believe. A Muslim friend recently confided, “If Christians really

believed their faith, more would be talking about it.”

If you know you should be sharing your faith and want to practice good evangelism, listen to this episode of *iHOPE Empowers* on the Charisma Podcast Network. You’ll be inspired by how religious freedom in America opens doors for you to share your faith. Plus, you’ll be energized with practical, real faith-sharing stories that you can replicate for your family.{eo}

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