

# BUT *HOW* DO I SHARE MY FAITH?

## THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

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## BIG IDEA

A few basic skills and simple strategies can help us relationally share the gospel in a clear, compelling way.

## SCRIPTURE USED

**Ephesians 6:19:** *Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.*

**Acts 17:22-23:** *So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about."*

**1 Timothy 1:13-15:** *...even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all.*

**Matthew 5:11-12:** *"God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way."*

## OPENER

### Smashed Eggs Pillow Fight!!

#### For the opener you will need:

- 16 eggs-in-bags (You'll need 16 raw eggs and 16 small zip-lock plastic bags. Place one raw egg, still intact in its shell, into each zip-lock bag.)
- 16 safety pins

- 4 bed pillows
- Small prize for the winner, like a candy bar
- Optional: High energy music to create a “ringside fight” atmosphere (google “boxers’ favorite ring entrance music” for ideas)

Before your meeting begins, recruit four high energy students for this upfront activity. Have an adult volunteer get them prepped ahead of time, so they are waiting “backstage” in advance of this opening activity. To prep the students, safety pin an egg-in-a-bag to each students’ shoulders and hips so they are decked out with four eggs-in-bags each. Provide each student with a pillow. The object of the game is to break the other contestants’ eggs, but only by using the pillows. Last one left with at least one unbroken egg wins.

To launch your Opener, start the music (optional) and call your student contestants out from backstage one at a time like a boxing ring announcer (“Weighing in at \_\_\_ pounds we have \_\_\_\_\_.”) Once all four contestants are onstage, explain the object of the game and set some fairly small boundaries for the pillow fight.

Declare your winner by raising his/her hand above their head and awarding them a small prize.

## TRANSITION

### ASK

- **Well, that was pretty wild, wasn’t it? Who’s glad that those eggs were inside those plastic bags? I’ll bet you’re wondering what this opening activity has to do with our lesson today, right?**
- **Well, there’s a saying about eggshells that you’ve maybe heard people use sometimes. Does anyone know what I’m talking about?** (Provide a hint if necessary, by saying “It starts like this...I feel like I’m walking on \_\_(eggshells)\_\_.”)
- **What do you think this saying about “walking on eggshells” actually means?** (Treading lightly around a sensitive topic.)
- **What are some examples of conversation topics where we sometimes feel like we’re “walking on eggshells”?**
- **Does the idea of talking about Jesus and the message of the gospel with your friends who aren’t Christians sometimes feel like “walking on eggshells” to you? Why or why not?**
- **PAIR SHARE QUESTION: What do you think is the hardest part about sharing gospel with others? Bringing it up? Explaining it clearly? Dealing with people’s objections? Or actually inviting someone to put their trust in Jesus on the spot?**