

# LIVE SENT

Equipping You to Have Jesus  
Conversations in Everyday Life

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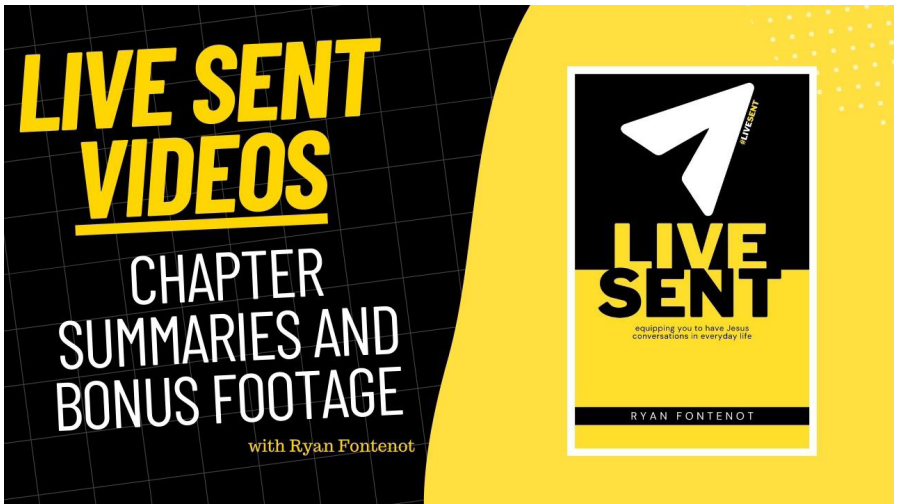
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## Foreword

One of the most important things I learned as a student pastor and local church pastor is that whatever we celebrated the most as a ministry is what we were intentionally or unintentionally teaching our people to believe is what was most important. So the principle is “celebrate what you want to replicate”!

If we’re saying that evangelism, discipleship, and living on mission are most important, then that is what we should be celebrating most frequently. So, if reaching people with the Gospel is extremely important, we should be intentionally celebrating when souls are reached with the Gospel! One of the best ways to celebrate this is to teach people what the Gospel is, train them how to articulate the Gospel, and equip them to be on mission. Simply put, we must empower people to *live sent!*

Think about it – we’ve all heard the stats concerning the Next Generation of young people. Here are some sobering ones. According to a poll that we took through my Twitter account asking people, “*at what age did they surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their life?*” 2,694 people answered the poll, and we found that 77% of all the born-again Christians that responded surrendered to Jesus before the age of 18 years

old. And 95% of all Christians surrendered to Jesus before the age of 30 years old. Let that sink in for a moment. That is why evangelism, in particular to the next generation, is so essential. Of course, I believe that God can save people at any age. He does it every day. However, practically speaking, if we don't reach people during those "student and young adult years," we lose a whole generation. So there has to be an urgency to this.

I honestly believe the most effective person in reaching a college student or teenager with the Gospel is another college student or teenager with a heart that beats with passion for Jesus. And that same heart is broken over the spiritual lostness of their generation. If students are Christians with the Holy Spirit, they are not the church's future; they are the church right now. So, we must "equip the saints for ministry" to know Jesus and make Jesus known. Sometimes, those saints are teenagers and college students. Students sharing the Gospel is often just as much for the believer as for the unbeliever. Students diligently evangelizing their friends is a highly effective form of discipleship.

That is why this book by my friend, Ryan Fontenot, is so essential. When he asked me to write the *Forward*, I did not hesitate for a second to jump at the opportunity to be a part of this. This book is timely, relevant, and a much-needed help to shift the paradigm. Let's reach people with the Gospel. Let's impact the generations for the glory of God. Let's *live sent!*

So, it begs the question, “How do you do that?”

Hopefully, asking that question led you to pick up this book. There is no one better leader than Ryan to write this book. It is not theory for him; it is practice. He does it, he lives it, and he can teach others to do the same thing. So let my friend, Ryan, help you navigate how to *live sent* and how to equip others to do the same!

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