

## Introduction

Nebraska football players are given a playbook to guide them in practice and in playing each game. It's key to their success in having a successful season. We need a playbook for sharing our faith with spiritually lost people to help us succeed in doing this in the most loving and effective way possible. This week's sermon provides an outline to follow in writing out a game plan that will enhance your ability to win in what Jesus calls all of us to do.

This sermon builds on the sermons Steve preached on June 30 and July 28. The sermon on July 28 answered three questions: 1. Where do you start the conversation. 2. What do you say once the conversation's started? 3. What do you say at the end of the conversation?

This Sunday's sermon answers a fourth question: 4. What do you do before you start the conversation?

## Questions for Study

1. How often would you say that you pray specifically for yourself in regard to sharing your faith with spiritually lost people?
2. In Sunday's sermon Steve gives five things to pray for yourself. Why is each one of the following important to pray? Read the scriptures in parenthesis.

- God's love for spiritually lost people (Luke 15:1-32)
- Courage (Ephesians 6:19,20)
- Clarity (Colossians 4:4)
- Grace (Colossians 4:6)
- Wisdom in maximizing opportunities God gives you (Colossians 4:5)

3. Write down the names of people in your life who do not share your faith in Christ.

- Pray for these people daily/weekly.
- Invest yourself in their lives. Build a friendship where they know you genuinely care for them. Write out a plan of action for doing this.

4. Write out your personal story describing how you became a follower of Jesus Christ.

If there's any one thing that helped you recognize your spiritual need and drew you to Jesus Christ – make this the center piece of your story. Include how your relationship with Jesus Christ has impacted your life.

5. Identify a verse or set of verses to use in sharing the gospel.

The verse/s you choose should guide you in talking through four main points that need to be covered in sharing the gospel. Write down how the following verses include these points: John 3:16, Romans 6:23, and Isaiah 53:6.

- God
- Us
- Jesus
- Responding to the truth about God, Us, and Jesus