

Always Be Prepared

This activity can help members think about sharing Christ's love with others.

- Make copies of the half-sheet below (one copy for each person).
 - Decide if participants will talk in small groups or in one large group.
 - Follow the instructions on the sheet.
 - Here are some possible answers to the questions below.
 1. *always*
 2. *(everyone / everyone who asks you to explain your hope)*
 3. *(our hope in Christ and our own experience)*
 4. *(by caring for others, building friendships)*
 5. *(by being ready, listening, and sharing our own story)*
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- Read 1 Peter 3:15–16a (NCV) together:

“But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have, but answer in a gentle way and with respect.”

- Talk about these questions:

1. WHEN should we be prepared to connect with others to share Christ's love?
2. WHO should we be prepared to connect with to share Christ's love?
3. WHAT can we share?
4. HOW can we connect?
5. HOW can we share Christ's love and God's plan?

Great things can happen when we are ready to share our story and the hope of Jesus.