

FOCUSING ON JESUS IN 2025: SHARING, SPEAKING, SHOWING

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I am trying to make 2025 a year of focusing on Jesus. The year began with a study focused on “knowing Jesus.” Knowledge is a beginning, but it is only a beginning. How do we move from lecture to living? The year is half over—history. We cannot recover or change the past. Good news! Half of the year remains! We can change ourselves, those around us, and the world in the 180 or so days that are left in 2025!

I suggest three specific things that will help us toward a healthy “Jesus-Focus.” (These are not original with me. They are pillars in the One Kingdom ministry.)

Sharing Jesus. Sharing Jesus is simply sharing the Good News. Sharing Jesus is telling how Jesus makes a difference in lives. Sharing Jesus is evangelism. Sharing Jesus is a first step. Sharing Jesus results in saved “baby believers.” Sharing Jesus is something that can be done by every Christian. Few things in life are as exciting as sharing Jesus and watching the wonder unfold when someone hears such unbelievable news! News of salvation. News of new life. News of forgiveness. News of power to change. I love this part of preaching, ministry and mission—sharing Jesus. I love to tell the story!

Speaking Jesus. Speaking Jesus makes disciples. Interesting point. The impact is often as much on the one speaking as the one hearing. Hearing about Jesus motivates me to speak Jesus. Speaking Jesus strengthens my own personal discipleship. Speaking Jesus emboldens me. Disciples call others to follow the Master. Put in a good word for Jesus—everywhere you go. Effective ministry and mission help disciples grow, helping others speak Jesus.

Showing Jesus. Jesus’ presence among us is evident by our actions. Sometimes, showing Jesus is put in first place—before sharing Jesus and speaking Jesus. That order seldom results in multitudes finding the Savior. Showing Jesus is most obvious in benevolent efforts. Showing Jesus works because Jesus followers have gone forth sharing Jesus and speaking Jesus.

These actions are personal more than corporate. The goal is not to attract the masses. The goal is to take Jesus to those we love, to our world. The results that matter are changed hearts, changed lives. New allegiances, new loyalties. New commitments. New values. New priorities.

I challenge you to focus on Jesus! If you seriously pursue Him—“this one thing I do”—nothing will ever be the same again, starting in your own life.