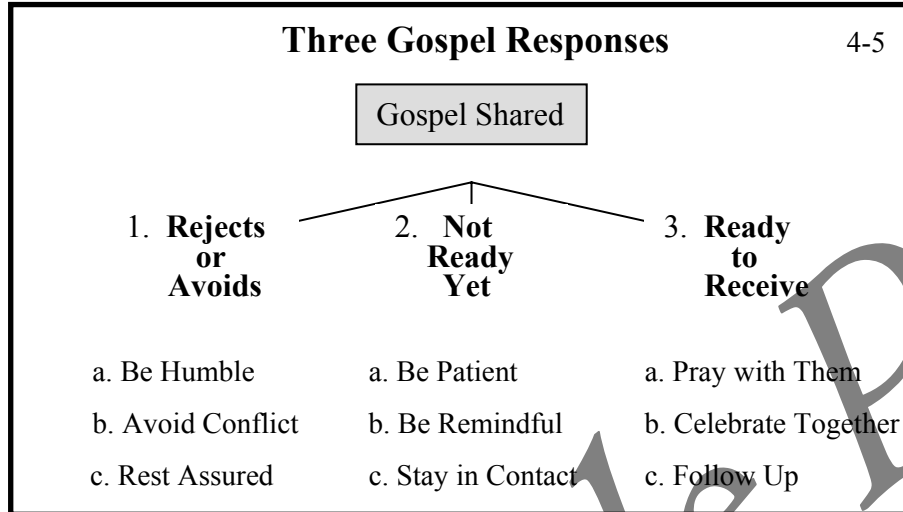
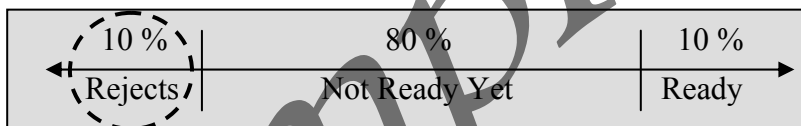


B. Following Through After Sharing the Gospel.

(Suggested teaching time: 25 minutes)



1. **If the response is - Rejects or Avoids:**
This will occur roughly 10% of the time.



- a. **Be Humble – Stay calm and be gracious and gentle.**
 - Stay calm and be gracious and gentle. Allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you with compassion. They are rejecting Christ, not you.
 - The Holy Spirit may actually be convicting them, which is why they are reacting strongly.
 - A self-righteous response could destroy your entire witness. Remember we were once lost too!
- b. **Avoid Conflict – Be an instrument of peace.**
 - Do not be drawn into any type of conflict or argument. Do not persist in witnessing if it provokes direct hostility. Let the Holy Spirit do the battle, not you.
 - Be an instrument of peace and love by expressing regret for any tension or bad feelings that emerge.
- c. **Rest Assured – God has used you!** [See Appendix 4A]
 - Be assured that God has used you. We do not see all that God is doing spiritually. We plant seeds that God waters. We are simply called to be obedient to share the Gospel.
 - Pray that God will send others to complete the work.

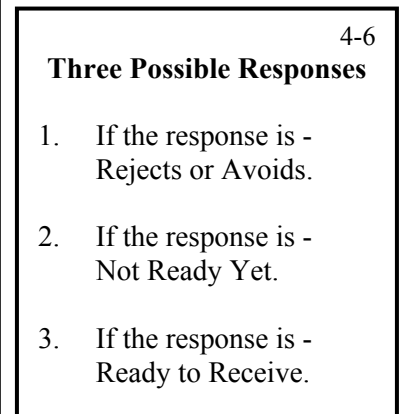
← Show slide 4-5.

Review the three possible responses and appropriate follow-through steps.

Give an overview of the three possibilities.

Help the group understand that very few people are ready to receive Christ the first time they hear the gospel.

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← Remind your group they need to be prepared to handle hostile responses. It will definitely happen eventually.

← Appendix 4A provides a real-life testimony of how someone rejected the Gospel many times, but later came to Christ. It should be encouraging to see that God is working even though we don't see it.