

# 25 Ways to Win with People, Lesson #11

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These kind of questions (except with more Bible verses!) are available every week for you to use during your Bible study time. Lessons correspond with three of Lifeway's series. I have been doing this for years and more than 2000 lesson are available with new ones added each week. See [www.joshhunt.com/sunday-school.htm](http://www.joshhunt.com/sunday-school.htm) for details.

#### Review

- What have you learned so far? What have you been able to apply so far?

#### Share a secret with someone

1. Let's start with a couple of Bible verses. Someone read Matthew 13.11 and Luke 8.10.<sup>1</sup>
2. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples a secret? Why didn't Jesus tell everything to everyone?
3. How do you think this made the disciples feel when Jesus told them a secret?
4. Can you think of any other examples of secrets in the Bible?
5. How did John Maxwell use this principle of telling a secret with his writer, Charlie Wetzel? Who remembers that story? How did this make Charlie feel?
6. Who can recall a time when someone honored you with a secret? Who has a story?
7. What are some ways this principle might be applied in your group?<sup>2</sup>
8. What is it in us that wants to keep information from people?<sup>3</sup>
9. When is it inappropriate to tell a secret?
10. Why is it sometimes oh-too-tempting to tell a secret?
11. Sharing a secret is an act of inclusion. It makes people feel wanted, included and important. What are some other ways we can make people feel important and included?
12. Have you ever felt on the outside—how did that feel? Who has a story?
13. What are some ways group inadvertently make outsiders feel like outsiders?
14. How do you want to apply this principle to your group?
15. How can we pray for one another this week?

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<sup>1</sup>11 He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them." Matt 13:11 (NIV)

He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables." Luke 8:10 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup>One way is just to be a little more self-disclosing. We talk too much about abstract ideas and principles and not enough about real life.

<sup>3</sup>It makes us feel important that we are the important people who are in the know.