



Life On Mission - Week 3

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This week, Pastor Tim talks about what it really means to be a "witness" as we live on mission with Jesus.

NOTE: We are sending this out before the services so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out Zoom or Google Hangouts!

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about a time when you got "sold" by an online ad, infomercial, or friend's "get rich quick" scheme. What caused you to buy in to that product or idea?

2. Talk about the person who first talked to you about God, Jesus, faith, etc. What do you remember about the way they presented things to you?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, remember the big picture of this week's teaching:

- The key to being a witness for Jesus is living a life in both actions and words that people want to know more about.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Matthew 4:19, Mark 5:18-20, John 9:7-25, Acts 1:8, 8:4-6, 20-35, 20:24; Romans 10:13-14, 1 Corinthians 9:22b, 1 Peter 2:9

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this week's message that resonated with you. What made it stick out to you?
2. Talk about what the idea of "being a witness" does to you: What do you feel in your gut? What do you think it means? What's the first picture that comes to mind?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:14-16. This letter is to a group of Jewish Christians scattered throughout the Mediterranean area. They are under constant threat for their faith in Jesus. Talk about the picture of "witnessing" that Peter paints here: how is it different from your concept of witnessing?
4. Peter says we should give the reason for our hope with "gentleness and respect" (3:15). Talk about why that teaching could help people today who have a more "in your face" approach to talking about Jesus.
5. Pastor Tim says that good witnesses have "good hands, eyes, and ears." Talk about which of those are an area of growth for you. How is God challenging you to grow in this area so you can better give a "reason for the hope you have" (1 Peter 3:14)
6. One of the obstacles we encounter when we talk to others about Jesus is our fear of having an answer to all of their questions. Talk about a particular question about faith that makes you nervous - one that keeps you from talking to friends and neighbors about Jesus. What would it look like for you to say "I don't know" to that question? How does saying "I don't know" relieve some of the pressure for you?

Takeaway

Every week, we've been working with a list of people you created who you can connect with and possibly help them connect with God. You can look through the previous week's studies for help if you lost your list or haven't created one.

This week, take that list and pick 1-2 people. What would it look like for you to start a

conversation about Jesus with them in "gentleness and respect"? What story from your life would you tell them?

Consider writing out what you'd say and practicing with your group. Listen to their feedback and make changes where necessary. Or, just wing it and set a time to speak to your 1-2 people during the next week.