



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Let's Get the Message Out

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Scripture quotations are from the King James Version (KJV).

Highlighted Scripture

- **2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)**

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Peter answers those who doubt the promise of Christ's return. God's patience gives room for repentance, a turning from sin toward Him; it does not mean judgment will never come. His patience invites us to share Christ with compassion and to examine our own response to Him.

- **John 14:12 (KJV)**

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure. His work will continue through believers because He returns to the Father; the promise does not make them superior to Him. Wanda's outreach invites us to depend on Christ as we serve, entrusting people's responses to Him.

- **John 3:16 (KJV)**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In the setting of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, this verse centers salvation on God's gift of His Son and belief in Him. Candy, a card, or a kind conversation can introduce that message. Everlasting life comes through faith in Christ; receiving an outreach gift is not itself salvation.

Discussion Questions

- Where could you share Christ in an ordinary encounter, as Wanda is doing at the campground?
- How does God's patience shape the way you speak with someone who does not share your faith?
- How would depending on Jesus change the way you serve when you cannot see immediate results?
- How would you explain John 3:16 so that both a child and a parent could understand?
- How can a simple gift open a conversation that keeps Christ and the person's questions at the center?

Reflection Challenge

For her Halloween outreach, Wanda is preparing gifts for campground visitors. This week, prepare one simple way to share Christ at a seasonal gathering or in an ordinary encounter. Begin with prayer, a clear message, and genuine care for the people you meet.

Ask yourself:

- Who is already near me whom I could welcome and listen to?
- Am I willing to speak clearly about Jesus without rushing someone into a response?
- What fear or assumption keeps me from taking a small, faithful step?

Try this:

- Pray for one person or family and ask God for a fitting opportunity to speak.
- Choose a simple card or prepare a brief explanation of John 3:16. Read it carefully so the message is clear and faithful to Scripture.
- Offer kindness freely. When children visit, include their parents or caregivers and welcome questions without pressure.
- Afterward, pray for those you met and remain available for another conversation. Entrust the outcome to God.

Remember

- God's patience calls us to repentance and compassionate witness.
- God's love is made known in the gift of His Son.
- Everlasting life is promised to those who believe in Christ.
- Simple preparation can help us recognize and use an opportunity.
- Faithful service depends on Jesus; we cannot manufacture faith in someone else.
- Let's get the message out with clarity, kindness, and prayer.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your patience and for giving Your Son. Turn our hearts toward You, and help us notice the people You bring near. Give us courage to speak clearly about Jesus and humility to listen well. Bless the children and families we meet. Help us offer kindness freely, serve faithfully, and trust You with the outcome.

In Jesus' name, Amen.