

THEME: WHY?

Goal: To establish the reason why we ought to actively share our faith.

Session 1 - Introduction

• **The “Why”?**

We have an amazing story to tell. A Loving God, a broken world.

A daring rescue plan to save those who were lost.

A child is born, lives among us, does unbelievable things and spoke in an unheard of way.

Loved by some, despised by others. They accuse him, try him and convict him and crucified him. But the story does not end there, he rose again and promised to return.

His followers were asked to do one simple thing.

Lets read **Matthew 28:16-20**.

Go and make disciples. Tell my story. Tell them about the loving God and what he has done.

• **Love.**

Romans 5:8 tells us “but God shows **his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Love is what motivated God to send his son. Love is what moved Jesus’s every word, his actions, and his very life!

It is because of that love that he came down for us and gave his life for us despite our fallen state.

Love moved him, moved his followers. Love is the essence of his ministry all through out the scriptures.

Read **Romans 5:6-8**, despite our weakness he came, at the right time to give his life for us.

- **Sharing our faith—not optional.**
- **Show Video “What is discipling?” and discuss**

What does the book of Acts tell us? **Lets Read Acts 4:13-22**

They were forbidden and threatened but they could not but speak about the things that have seen and heard.

They had to, they couldn't keep quiet.

The spirit of God moved them to speak, to speak about God's love manifested by Jesus and were persecuted. Jesus was persecuted, his disciples were persecuted, and we will be also persecuted too.

Let's Read Romans 8:31; 8:35-39 and John 15:18

It is because for the sake of Christ that we will be hated and persecuted but just like his followers press on to share their story and the message of Jesus we should too.

Each week we will share with you tips so you may shape your God Story. As we learn, discuss, pray that God reveals to you your story, so you can share to all those who ask about your experience with Jesus and how he has changed your life.

FIRST THEME: BE PRESENT

Goal: To teach Kaléo members to establish relationships that will result in faith conversations.

Session 2 – Christ’s Method

As we read about the life of Jesus, he drew people to him. They were instantly drawn to him. So it begs the question, what method did he use? What did Jesus do to draw people closer to him?

The book *Ministry of Healing*, pg.143 gives us the answer:

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

He *mingled*, He *showed* sympathy, He *ministered their needs*, he *WON their confidence* and then he bade (suggested, invited) them “*Follow Me*”.

Jesus was present in a real way in the lives of the people. He showed genuine concern for their whole life. When he asked, “How can I help you? It was not just a superficial question or a courtesy but because of his love, he was genuinely asking. People, now, need to see that from us as his followers.

- **Love them**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love ____: just as I have loved you, you also are to love _____. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for _____.” John 13:34-35

Jesus makes no distinction to whom do you love, he simply says, people will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. He didn’t say just the good or the ones who are like you, he says love one another.

- **A package deal**

Read Matthew 25:31-46, what things stand out?

Let us take a closer look at this story, Matthew uses phrases like “gave me food”, “gave me something to drink”, “clothed me”, “and welcomed me.” Jesus is trying to show us that action is necessary as followers. Its not enough just preaching, you must serve them and that requires time and going the next mile.

Serving them and Spending time with them is how Jesus showed genuine interest in people.

- **Listen to them**

Many times Jesus was approach by all sorts of people, and they never once felt like he didn't listen to them. When the sick, the blind, the lame, came to him, never once do we read that Jesus spoke more than they did. He listened to them. He won their confidence and knew their needs because he listened to them.

We need to speak less and listen more. It's not about our needs; it's about the need of someone else. We want to win the trust of people not push them away.

This week as we consider the method of Christ, Let try to be more intentional in listening, having an active presence in the life of others. Love them in the normal day-to-day activities, get to know their needs so you can help in any way that you can. Hang out with them so they can see that your friendship is honest. Friends listen to one another so just listen to them, remember its not about you, its about them.

Session 3 – Be Present (Praxis)

- How to make and grow friendships
- Touch on the importance of listening to others' stories.
- How do we establish faith conversations in the workplace, school, etc.
- A practical way to start these conversations.