

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

From its inception, Christianity was a movement that went viral. Early believers had certain qualities that led non-believers to change their mind and join the faith. What were the qualities of this infectious faith and how can we live consistent with those qualities today?

GETTING STARTED

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how comfortable are you talking about your faith with people who are not believers? (1 being terrified and 10 being completely comfortable)
2. How often do you get the opportunity to share your faith?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Luke 15 illustrates God's love for sinners—a boy who rejects his father and squanders his inheritance comes home and is forgiven and accepted. If that were you in the story, how would your life be described? What have you been forgiven for? What has forgiveness meant to you?
4. Read Luke 6:27-36. When Jesus says, "love your enemies," whose face do you see? Is there any bitterness, anger, or hatred toward them? How can you demonstrate love toward them?
5. If a non-believer were to watch your life for one week, how would they describe your relationships with other believers? Would they hit the tipping point of being infected? Why or why not?

NEXT STEPS

6. Sean said we need less "telling and selling and more tasting and seeing." What would that look like for you?
7. To whom can you show more love this week?

Show Me!
Outside The Circle.Faith Gone Viral #2

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NAS)

"And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

Psalm 34:8

Viral faith requires less _____ and more

_____.

1 Corinthians 2:2, Romans 5:8

3 Demonstrations of God's love:

A. God's love is demonstrated in _____.

Luke 15:13-32

B. God's love is demonstrated in _____ to _____.

Luke 6:27-36

C. God's love is demonstrated in _____ for _____.

John 13:35, 1 John 3:16-18, Acts 2:44-47