

You Can Take It With You!

Their response to the truth:

(The first responses to the resurrection)

FEAR, CONFUSION, SILENCE

Our response to sharing the truth:

URGENCY

APATHY

FEAR

Pick three people and pray for:

- Their **SALVATION**
- An opportunity to **SHARE** your **GREATEST GIFT**
- The **COURAGE** and **WORDS** when that door opens

Three things to remember:

- We can't **SAVE ANYONE**.
- We measure **OBEDIENCE** by **OBEDIENCE**,
not by the **OUTCOME**.
- Sharing is not an **OPTION**, it is a **COMMAND**.

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of January 19, 2020

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1 If you could binge one TV show on the network/streaming service of your choice, read one book/series of books, or listen to one podcast, which one would it be?
- 2 As Chris mentioned, we've spent 55 weeks studying the book of Mark. Have you ever committed a significant amount of time (e.g. 30-90 days or one year) to something new (e.g. a new hobby, reading plan, devotional, diet, exercise)? If so, what impact did it have on you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 This week Chris talked about the fears each of us has when it comes to stepping out and sharing our story with someone we know. We are not the only ones who have had some fear when being asked to do something for God. As you read the passages below, how does Moses respond to God? What is God's response to Moses?

Exodus 3:9-14 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you[a] will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am.[b] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 4:9-17 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

¹³ But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

¹⁴ Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. ¹⁷ But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

What might this tell you about someone who experiences fear when they have the opportunity to act in faith and obedience to God?

Have you had the opportunity to step out and share the difference God has made in your life with a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker? If so, what fears, feelings or emotions did you experience?

Many years after the events in Exodus, the author of Acts describes Moses (Acts 7:22) as "powerful in speech." How might time and perspective change the way we view our fears when acting in obedience to God?

2 As we develop relationships, how we live and love others has an impact on those around us. Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, one of the darkest cities on the planet, and encourages them to be "salt and light." Read Ephesians 5:8-17. What stands out to you about how we are to live as believers?

Ephesians 5:8-17 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

What might it look like for us to live as "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8)?

We have personal (and biblical) examples of people who have shared the love of Christ to us and/or to others. What have you observed about those people?

3 Often when we read that Jesus commanded the church to “make disciples of all nations” it may seem like an overwhelming task. In this weekend’s sermon, we were encouraged “to not worry about the *entire world* but to worry about *somebody in the world.*” As you read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, what do you see as our responsibility in telling someone about Jesus?

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Can you think of any people who influenced you on your journey to becoming a follower of Jesus? If so, what influenced you the most?

How might the impact of the people who influenced you motivate you to have a spiritual impact in the life of your three names you picked from this weekend’s message?

TAKING IT HOME

Chris challenged each of us to think of three people we want to pray for. Who are your three people?

Which point from this weekend’s message or Life Group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group. Over the years we've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines.

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME - Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request either before prayer begins or during the prayer time. Once a topic is introduced, the group focuses on that request alone. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE - Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT AND SIMPLE - Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.



COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPACT

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