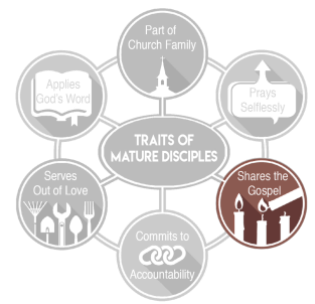


LIFE GROUP SESSION: WE ARE ALL WITNESSES (session one)



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Acts 1:7-8; Romans 1:16-17; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

This session covers the first two sermons in this series (Confidence in the Gospel & Communicating the Gospel)

If we are maturing disciples, we are witnesses to the saving work of God! We have seen the gospel work in our lives and hopefully in the lives around us. If we've seen & experienced it, we should be sharing it.

Do we really believe that the gospel has power to save everyone who believes; the power to radically change lives with good news? Recall the context of the word gospel in the Roman world – used to inform people of empire growth, either a new conquest or new member of the royal family.

We have been given the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6) and so we head into the world with power and confidence to share the gospel, just as Jesus and His disciples did.

The church in Corinth was messy, with many issues, and yet Paul reminds them that they are chosen for this ministry of reconciliation and encourages them to not lose heart.

Gospel communication has to happen through word AND deed – we are jars of clay, yet we have to set forth the truth plainly.

Gospel fluency = speaking the truth of Jesus in everyday stuff of life. We need to learn how to connect God's story with our story and the story of others.

Ultimately, there is a joy in sharing the gospel, it is good news!

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: Encourage each other by sharing how you have seen God each other's lives.

READ: Acts 1:7-8; Romans 1:16-17

- **Share a time when you feel like you've shared the gospel well? What about poorly?**
- **Do you feel ashamed of the gospel? How can you grow in confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit and the good news?**

READ: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

- **What practical advice does Paul give the Corinthian church regarding sharing the gospel? What are the implications for us in our day and age?**

Gospel Fluency = speaking the truth of Jesus in the everyday stuff of life.

- **Practice: pair up and set up role play situations (ie. Agnostic middle-aged man, atheist university student, etc). Try to have a conversation about Jesus and share the gospel. Be aware of your language, particularly Christian jargon, and debrief your experiences afterwards.**
- **How can you grow and improve in your gospel fluency and overall communication of the gospel?**
- **Who is someone in your life you want to be more intentional in sharing the gospel?**

PRAY: Pray for each other as you go into the week seeking to share the gospel. Pray for individuals who you can be intentional with. Pray for courage and the power of the Spirit to lead and guide and work.