

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Outward Week 3

"Open Mouth"

December 2, 2012

This Month's Faith Skill Personalize Scripture

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD BETTER, MEMORIZE AND APPLY
HIS WORD!

Scripture Memorization

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. **Acts 1:8**

The Good News of Jesus is not something that you have to sell. It is a message that has changed countless lives.

- How have you experienced Jesus change your life?
- Who do you know whose life has been changed dramatically through Christ?

Read Acts 1:1-11

1. How would you summarize these verses?
 2. In what ways did Jesus prove that He was alive?
 3. What did Jesus leave with the disciples?
 4. Why do you think the disciples just stood looking into the sky?
- What do you think is the hardest part of sharing the Gospel?
 - Why is it so hard?
 - What is one question that really concerns you that you will not be able to answer?

FOUR TIPS FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

1. Just Say Jesus Read John 14:6

- Don't feel the need to embellish detail, let the Holy Spirit work.
- Spend more time on Jesus than the dirt of your former life.
- Concentrate on the message of the Gospel, not just on your response to it.

2. Visualize the Gospel Read Colossians 1:6 Creation - Fall - Redemption - Restoration

- How has God's perfect creation fallen into sin?
- How do you see others trying to redeem themselves from sin?
- How does the world teach you to redeem yourself?

3. Pray for Boldness Read Acts 4:31

Ask God to go out before you, to prepare the hearts of the people you will meet, and to give you a boldness to speak.

4. Tell Your Story Read 1 John 5:11

The easiest way to tell others the Good News about Jesus is to tell about you.

- Tell what God has done in your life.
- Tell how He has changed you.
- Tell about the pain that He has brought you through.
- Tell about the joys you've experienced in Him.
- Tell how God is shaping your story and use it as much as you can in conversation.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray that your students can share their story with boldness.

MONDAY

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4. Why do you think the disciples just stood looking into the sky? _____

TUESDAY

FOUR TIPS FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

Look up the verses and write down a tip or two from them

1. Just Say Jesus (John 14:6)

2. Visualize the Gospel (Colossians 1:6)

3. Pray for Boldness (Acts 4:31)

4. Tell Your Story (1 John 5:11)

WEDNESDAY

Your story is the most powerful tool you have in sharing the Good News to the world. These questions are designed to help you know your story.

• Why are you a follower of Jesus? _____

• Why are you not a follower of another religion? _____

• Was there an event or a person that helped change your mind about God? _____

• What went through your mind the first time God became real to you? _____

• How has your view of God changed? _____

• Were you more attracted to God's love or God's truth? Explain why that was. _____

THURSDAY

Changes:

• What changes have you seen in yourself or others as result of the Gospel? _____

• How has your view of Christians changed over the years? _____

• What are some obstacles you have overcome as you have grown in faith? _____

THURSDAY CONTINUED

- What parts of your life can God get all the credit for?

- How have you seen God at work in your life this week?

- What scriptures have impacted your life?

- How do you see God working in ordinary everyday ways?

- How is being a Christian difficult? In what ways have you died to self? _____

- What have you worshipped in the past, believing it would fill you up? _____

- What story in the Bible most closely connects with yours?

FRIDAY

1. Write Acts 1:8 with the reference.

Read the verse aloud and picture it in your mind ten times.

The easiest way to memorize a new verse after writing it with its reference is to read it aloud ten times, photographing it carefully in your mind as you read it. After the tenth time close your eyes and mentally picture the entire verse.

3. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD BETTER, MEMORIZE AND APPLY HIS WORD

4. Try to write it from Memory
