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Week 2 >> Equipped for the Mission

Week 2 – Day 1: Being Ready

Read: Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15-16

“But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame.”

Question 2.1: How effective a “Sign Post” is your life to those outside the church? What is one question about your faith that you are often asked and struggle to answer? What in your life attracts and intrigues people to ask about Christ?

◀◀ **Recapping:** Like Sign Language, your story can cross language barriers by making *The Big Story* visible through your life. Read over pp. 27-28 “Setting the Scene.”

Week 2 – Day 2: Our Field

Read: Acts 13:47; Philippians 2:15

Key Scripture: Acts 13:47

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the Earth.”

Question 2.2: What “field” has God placed you in where you can be of significant influence (e.g., work, school, university, sports club, etc.)? Practically, in what ways can you be a “light” in this field? In what ways do your actions and words point people directly to the source of salvation? Ask God to give you greater opportunities in this field.

◀◀ **Recapping:** As you ask good questions and listen, you’ll know how best to build bridges and tailor your story. Your story needs to capture in 45 seconds “what makes Jesus *good news* for me.” Read over pp. 28-29 “Sharing Your Story ...” and start working on your testimony.

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Week 2 – Day 3: Our “Failure”

Read: Exodus 4:10-13, Matthew 5:11-12

Key Scripture: Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Question 2.3: Do you shy away from witnessing out of fear of failure? What are your biggest fears in sharing your faith? What is your normal reaction when someone isn’t interested in hearing about Jesus? According to these passages, what is failure, and what is success, when it comes to pointing people to Jesus?

◀◀ **Recapping:** Building Bridges means loving people like God does, unconditionally, rather than treating them as a project. It also means finding natural ways to turn a conversation toward Christ and His Kingdom. *Read over pp. 29-30 “Tip #1 Building Bridges.” Try using one such bridge today.*

Week 2 – Day 4: The Heart of It All

Read: Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4:10-21

Key Scripture: 1 John 4:19-21

“We love because He first loved us. But if we say we love God and do not love each other we are liars. ... The commandment that God has given us is this: Love God and love each other!”

Question 2.4: The heart of evangelism is a love for God and a love for people. Why do you think “love” is foundational to evangelism? For those you’re trying to reach, how much would they say you loved them? What are some small steps you could take to grow in love?

◀◀ **Recapping:** Sharing the Gospel always provokes a response. But good questions deserve good answers. So, humbly offer what you’ve experienced and believe as a reliable map for life, ask questions, and bring it back to Jesus. *Read over pp. 30-31 “Tip #2 Answering Tough Questions.”*



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Week 2 – Day 5: Love in Action

Read: Isaiah 58:5-8; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 10:45

Key Scripture: Isaiah 58:7-8

“Have I not asked you to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor and homeless with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”

Question 2.5: Practically, what could loving and serving people sacrificially look like in your life? Why is caring for the poor and those in need so integral to the Christian faith? How does serving people and meeting their needs open doors for evangelism?

◀◀ **Recapping:** When a friend gets stuck on one scene in *The Big Story* (like why a loving God requires sacrifice in order to forgive), try an analogy. Analogies take something familiar and bridge to new ideas and confusing concepts. Read over pp. 31-33 “Tip #3 Helpful Analogies” and practice sharing *The Judge Analogy*.

