

Witness

LifeGroup Lesson

March 26, 2017

Luke 10:1-13

OPENING PRAYER:

We pray, Lord Jesus, for you to be made known in our community. We pray for multitudes of interconnections between our church and those around us who don't know you as you are. We pray that by the power of your Spirit, you would reveal the ways you are working in our friends and families, as well as in our coworkers and colleagues. Use us, Jesus, to represent the truth of who you are to an unbelieving world. Let us earn the right to be heard, and when we've earned that right, may we share words of life, words of relevance, words of truth, words of beauty, and words of grace. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- If you had to work in sales, what would you choose to sell?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

This week's spiritual discipline is *Witness*. Read Luke 10:1-13.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- What do you think of Jesus sending out the new believers two by two?
- How do you feel about the harvest where you live? What would it take for you to be more involved in the harvest?
- What do you find difficult/scary about telling your friends, neighbors or colleagues about Jesus? How can you use your particular gifts/talents/hobbies to make your witness easier?
- How will this passage change your life?
- In each gospel, Jesus in some way instructs his followers to witness. Read those accounts: Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:44-49.
 - What are the similarities and differences in each account?
 - How does each scripture impact your life?
 - John 21:24 – some commentators believe that we are to be like John and put ourselves in 'this disciple's place.' What does that teach you about your role in the Kingdom?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

NEXT STEPS:

- Part of being a witness is to know your own testimony. Write down how Jesus has changed your life? Practice telling your story with a friend.
- Identify one person in your life who needs Jesus. Earnestly pray for them and pray for an opportunity to share your testimony. Take active steps to deepen your relationship with that person and await God's opportunity.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, we pray not for tranquility nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for your spirit and your love, that you grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

-Girolamo Savonarola [1452-1498], Dominican preacher and Florentine reformer