

Session 3

Big Idea:

Accept The Call To Be A <u>Prepared</u> Witness for Jesus....Willing To Use Words..... Right where God Has You.

GROUP OPENER

If you are a person who follows Jesus share one thing that has been key to your personal testimony when you were new in faith.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read <u>Galatians 4:8-26</u> Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

July 7 WEEKEND

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

 Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will ______". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your "I Will" statement with the group.

As a Group

1 Peter 3:15-17 says "Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!"

What are practical ways to model this scripture?

There was a three-step process for answering questions about faith. They were.

- Calm Conversation
- Simple Questions
- In Context Scripture

Take an opportunity to practice using this method. Have one or two people volunteer to answer one of the questions below or a similar one you come up with. Then have someone use C.S.I to have a conversation about the answer.

The questions: Why do you follow Jesus? Why is church important to you? Isn't all that stuff in the Bible made up by people?

On Your Own

Ask God to place someone in your path this week for conversation about faith.