

## **Bible Study, Becoming More Like Jesus, Series 2, Week 2**

### **Day: 1 Get The Uninvolved Involved**

1. What does the Bible teach us about being a Christian and being involved?

- Galatians 6: 2
- Philippians 2: 20-21
- James 2: 14-17
- 1 Corinthians 12: 27-28
- Matthew 25: 34-36

2. What are the reasons why some people do not want to get involved with other people or the church?

3. What does Matthew 21: 28-32 warn us against?

4. What are your special gifts and how can you serve God with them?

5. Discuss your care group's involvement in the following:

- A special project
- The introduction of new members
- Multiplying

6. Further Reading:

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| • Psalm 34: 8-12.       | Service is a command                       |
| • Romans 14: 7-12.      | Warning against selfishness                |
| • Luke 10: 34-42.       | Caring in practice                         |
| • 2 Corinthians 8: 6-9. | Involvement takes money                    |
| • Acts 2: 40-47.        | Involved with each other in the care group |

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### **Day: 2 A Heart For The Community**

1. What is the Church's calling?

- Matthew 5: 13-16
- Matthew 13: 33

2. Is the gospel only meant for those that go to church services?

- Luke 14: 15-24

3. In Luke 19: 41 Jesus cried over Jerusalem. What do you think He is crying about today when He is looking at our neighborhood and our city?

4. What is the difference, we as Christians, can make in the following?

- Education
- Business world
- Government
- Sport
- The media
- The medical world

5. Make a list of the biggest needs in your community

6. Choose a need and plan to help with it as a care group.

7. Further Reading:

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| • Ephesians 3: 6-13.       | Bring the gospel to everyone           |
| • Acts 16: 25-34.          | Carry the light to prison              |
| • Luke 3: 7-18.            | Let the light shine in every situation |
| • 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-10. | The whole world has to change          |
| • 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21.  | God's ambassadors                      |

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### **Day: 3 The Water Circling Out Much Wider**

1. What is the meaning of the symbolic water in Isaiah 43: 19-20?

2. What is God's plan with the vision of the water in Ezekiel 47: 2-5?

3. What is God's plan with your congregation and how can you symbolize it?

4. How can you help to make the water circle out even wider?

5. How can we get the living waters to struggling congregations?

6. How can we reach people that have moved away from the church?
7. How can we draw in people from our neighborhood and get them to join in?
8. Further Reading:

- Matthew 10: 35-40.                      God's servant
- John 13: 4-10.                              Wash somebody's feet
- Isaiah 42: 6-9.                              God's blessing circling out wider
- Acts 6: 1-7.                                    God's love changes a city
- Deuteronomy 32: 5-12.                      God's calls people to return to Him

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#### **Day: 4 Why Reach Out**

1. What would you say is God's one big purpose for your congregation?
2. Why do people so often lose their vision of carrying out the gospel?
3. What does the Bible say is the reason for this?
  - Ezekiel 2: 1-6
  - Luke 21: 34-36
  - Luke 22: 33-34
4. Why is it that one always receives more at an outreach than what you give?
5. Are people still persecuted today for witnessing and preaching the gospel?  
Motivate your answer.
6. What is Jesus' message for everyone witnessing for Him?
  - Luke 21: 12-19
  - Luke 10: 1-3

#### **7. Further Reading:**

- Isaiah 49: 1-7.                              It's God calling us
- Acts 2: 40-47.                                The Church's main task
- Matthew 28: 10-17.                         The main task of the Church
- Exodus 4: 10-17.                             God accepts no excuses
- Mark 10: 17-31.                              The chains of money

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### **Day: 5 Where Should We Reach Out To**

1. Think of an instance when you saddened by people being lost?
2. How did Jesus look at people? Matthew 9: 35-38
3. Discuss the following: "Before we go to other countries to reach out to people we should bring the gospel to the people around us."
4. What was God's strategy for the salvation of people? Acts 1: 8
5. What was Jesus' strategy to make witnesses of people once they were converted?
  - Their family members
  - Following up
  - Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 7)
  - The woman at the well
  - Staying on (John 4: 39-42)
  - The 12 disciples
  - Church leaders
  - Speaking to the hordes
  - At Synagogue
  - Encouraging converts to witness
6. Discuss possibilities for outreaches in your vicinity. Make a list of outreaches your church is involved already that you can join.
7. Further Reading:
  - Mark 16: 9-16.                      Witnessing is not optional
  - 1 Timothy 2: 3-7.                      The truth changing lives
  - Psalm 67: 1-7.                      God's purpose with man
  - 2 Peter 3: 9-15.                      Witness before it is too late
  - Romans 1: 13-17.                      Paul as a witness

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## **Day: 6 How Should We Reach Out**

1. Is it necessary that everyone should witness through words or can some witness simply through their life?
2. What does Luke 12: 8-9 say about it?
3. What is the secret of starting to witness openly with words? Luke 9: 23-26
4. How can each of us reach out?
  - On Sundays
  - Recruiting of new care group members
  - By doing courses to equip ourselves
  - To people in different communities
5. Further Reading:
  - Ephesians 6: 18-20. Prayer and witnessing
  - Isaiah 55: 1-5. Saving the nations
  - Romans 10: 12-15. Nobody can be saved without words
  - Acts 9: 36-42. Witness through service
  - Luke 5: 27-29. Friendship evangelization

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## **Day: 7 Equipped To Reach Out**

1. Is witnessing alone enough or must we bring people to a decision?
2. What do the following say about the importance of leading people to a decision?
  - John 9: 39
  - Matthew 7: 13-14
  - Matthew 7: 21-23
  - Joshua 24: 14-15
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our witnessing? Acts 1: 4-8
4. What was the secret of Paul's success as a witness? Acts 9: 17

5. How can you know if you are filled with the Holy Spirit?

6. Further Reading:

- Acts 2: 1-13. Not afraid or shy to witness
- Acts 2: 14-21. Young and old starting to witness
- Acts 4: 23-33. Strengthened anew to witness
- Romans 8: 5-17. Stay under the control of the Holy Spirit
- Galatians 5: 16-25. Victory through the Spirit

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