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lesson 4 (part 1) the shining light

Matthew 5:14-16 ~ “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

-ideas for the next 2 lessons are taken from “Share Jesus Without Fear”

We’ve learned that to be able to “shine” for Christ, we have to have a solid foundation, we must be clean on the inside and out, and we have to be willing to stand up for what we believe. The end result we are striving for is that “they will see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven”. So how do we do it?

*Read Romans 10:14

I. Realize We Have Nothing to FEAR (a simple review)

A. God has already PREPARED your heart and theirs

B. We are not responsible for the OUTCOME, we are just responsible for the OBEDIENCE

*Read Luke 10:16

*Show “Witnessola” video

II. Start Unthreatening Dialogue/Questions

A. Key things to remember

1. Let the other person do the talking
2. Put the “ball in their court” so they can’t say that you tried to talk them into it
3. Don’t give your opinions, thoughts, or beliefs until they have answered
4. Don’t give yes/no questions...you want to hear what they believe

B. 5 key questions to memorize (answer each of these on your own as well)

1. Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you think there is a heaven or hell?
4. If you died right now, where would you go? Why?
5. If what you believed were not true, would you want to know?

*if they say “no”, just tell them that you are available if they do want to know

Question: What are some responses to each of these questions that might show that the person is not a Christian?

*Do “What Will You Do?” case study. Split into 4-5 groups with adult leading each one.

III. Point Them To Scripture

- A. It is best if you have the person read the verses for THEMSELVES out loud
- B. Always ask, "What does this verse say to you?"
-so they can never say that it was your words or your opinion
- C. The key verses (make note of what each one says):
 - 1. Romans 3:23
 - 2. Romans 6:23
 - 3. John 3:3
 - 4. John 14:6
 - 5. Romans 10:9-11
 - 6. II Corinthians 5:15
 - 7. Revelation 3:20
- D. A way to easily do this is to HIGHLIGHT the verse and write the next verse at the bottom/side of the page so you know where to go next.

Take it Home

Here are some other verses on this topic to read and meditate on:

- 1. Matthew 28:18-20- Great Commission
- 2. II Peter 3:9- God wishes that all would be saved
- 3. I Peter 3:13-17- Give answer for your hope
- 4. Matthew 9:37-38- People are needed to witness
- 5. Romans 10:14- Someone has to tell them about Christ (not good enough just to see)
- 6. Luke 10:16- They reject Christ, not you

Take It Home:

- 1. After looking at the questions I should ask others, do I question my own salvation? If so, pull aside a youth leader, parent, or close Christian friend to discuss it.
- 2. Read Matthew 10. Write some specific things that God taught you. If you have Facebook, write 1 thing you learned from this passage or this lesson on your status.
- 3. Next week, be prepared to share your testimony!
- 4. Share what you've learned today with 1 person this week.