

Small Group & Personal Study: 24/7 Discipleship Series – Daily Witness

This week we are going to look at how we can live our lives as a witness for Him

Memory Verse: Colossians 4:6

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Daily Reading:

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Day 2 – Isaiah 55

Day 3 – Isaiah 56

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Day 4 – Isaiah 58

Day 5 – Isaiah 59

Day 6 – Isaiah 60

Day 7 – Isaiah 61

Discovery Bible Study Exercise:

In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Colossians 4:2-6
- Step #2: Re-write Colossians 4:2-6 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage.
- Step #4: How are you going to obey what you have discovered?

Lesson: Our Daily Witness

Review our meditation verse for this week: Colossians 4:2-6

1. How could praying in this way help us begin to be better witnesses for Christ?

First, I believe that prayer is always the pre-requisite to God at work through us. Anything we do on our own ability will not bear eternal fruit. Only God working through us bears eternal fruit. As I pray to be watchful and thankful, God will reveal much of what He is doing around me. As I pray that God would open the door for our message I will begin to discover open doors everywhere. As I pray for God to lead me to proclaim a clear message boldly He will work in my life and be my guide. I must become aware of how I act towards those who do not know him. Praying for God to help me live a wise life in loving action will make me a better witness. I must realize that every time I gossip, get angry, cheat, or do anything against God or others I am putting up a barrier to my testimony. On the other hand, whenever I do well and give Him all the glory, I proclaim Christ working in my life.

2. Who do you work with that might become your prayer and ministry partner for your workplace?

Allow people time to begin to pray about partnerships. Your small group is a starting point in that you can lift one another up and hold one another accountable to living for Christ as His witness.

3. Share how has God placed divine appointments in your life?

On Sunday, I will share how God used divine appointments in my life to reach others at OSH. Let people share any divine appointments and how God has used them to touch lives.

4. What is God laying on your heart in regards to being a witness in your workplace, your neighborhood, or your family?

God wants us to be His witness. God has placed us in a world surrounded by people who do not know Him and many who are lost and hurting. We are called to be His witness. In Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 Jesus very specifically told us we are on a mission for Him.

5. If you have been reading through Isaiah this week, share a passage by which God has spoken to you and what He has said.

Encourage people to share what God has been saying to them from His word. For me, God has really laid these two sets of passages out for me to meditate on and prepare myself with. Isaiah 58:6-9 and Isaiah 61:1-3. These verses have been specifically given to me for preparation for our coming trip to Ethiopia next week. God is still revealing to me how much He loves people and how He wants to use my life to reach them with His love.

The Discipline of Witness:

We are called to proclaim the gospel to a lost world that is loved by God. As disciples we must begin to live our faith in our homes, in our work place, in our neighborhood, and in every relationship. God has called us to be salt and light. We do not need to be preachers or evangelist. Just people who can tell the story of His glory and what He has done in our lives.

By making yourself willing and available to pray for others, point the lost to Jesus Christ, and share how He has helped you your life will begin to bear fruit that will last.

I believe that our prayers should be first for ourselves and how we want God to work in our lives to bring Him glory and second for God to reveal Himself to those who do not know Him. If we really pray for God to show us where He is at work and honestly desire to join Him, He will answer that prayer and we will have the opportunity to be obedient and join Him and then we will see His mighty hand at work and our faith will grow strong.