

Small Group & Personal Bible Study – “Testify to the Light of the World”

Memory Verse: John 1:9

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Discovery Bible Study: 2 Corinthians 5:20

- First, read all of 2 Corinthians 5:13-21 to understand the context of the passage.
- Step 1: Write out the words of 2 Corinthians 5:20
- Step 2: Rewrite the passage in your own words
- Step 3: What do you discover in this passage?
- Step 4: How will you obey what God is telling you?

Daily Bible Ready:

- Day 1: John 1:1-5
- Day 2: John 1:6-9
- Day 3: John 1:10-18
- Day 4: John 1:19-28
- Day 5: John 1:29-34

Lesson: John 1:6-8

1. For what purpose was John the Baptist sent?

John was sent as a witness for God, a prophet to lead people to seek God. To open their hearts and their eyes to the one who was promised and is now coming. He was a witness for Jesus, the light of the world.

2. What is the purpose of a witness or a testimony?

A witness or testimony is literally to tell of what you know, what you believe, what you have seen and heard from God. John was testifying to what God had said through the prophets of old and what God had revealed and purposed for his life.

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:13-21. What responsibility or purpose have we been called to according to Paul in verse 20?

Much like John the Baptist and Apostle Paul, we are to be Christ’s ambassadors. His witness. We are to testify to what we know. What we believe. What we have seen and heard from God. This is the purpose of every believer, not just some, not just Preachers but of every follower of Christ.

Have you ever thought that perhaps the main purpose of remembering Christmas is not about family, gifts and celebrations but rather it is about testifying to the light of the world. The message is that “the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” (v14) and that “to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” (V12)

4. Having studied this message, what is the greatest gift you can share with someone this Christmas?

Christmas time should inspire every follower of Christ to declare the coming of our Lord. To know that God made His home with us in Jesus Christ and through His life, death and resurrection, He has brought us into a restored love relationship is the greatest and most everlasting gift we can give.