

COMMUNITY

Sweet & Sour Share from your week something good or something hard.

Pray Pray for each other either as a large group or in smaller groups.

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

Message Discussion Questions

- 1.! What makes it hard to talk about Jesus with your neighbor? Co-worker?
- 2.! When you see the yard sign: 'IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE:' with its six statements, what do you feel? Think? What are you inclined to do or say?
Read: Your Neighbor's New Creed: 'In This House, We Believe' Brett McCracken <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/post-christian-creed>
Discuss how Brett's thoughts are similar or different than what you were thinking.
- 3.! In what ways do you think Paul's day was similar to our day? Different? What are the advantages & difficulties of talking about Jesus in a 'pre-Christian' culture versus a 'post-Christian' culture?
- 4.! How does the truth that people's eternal destiny is at stake concerning how they respond to Jesus' Gospel affect you? How did it affect Paul (Rom. 9). Why do people not like the truth that Jesus is the only way to God (Jn. 14:6)? Do you think most people reject Jesus & His invitation to save them or the hypocrisy on the part of those who say they are Christians? Explain.
Read John 3:18-20. What does Jesus say is the reason people reject Him?
- 5.! **Read Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16** From these, discover & discuss principles that help you talk about Jesus with others.
- 6.! Why is our **MOTIVE** for talking about Jesus with others so important? What were Paul's three main motives for talking about Jesus with others?
Read 1 Cor. 13:1-8. What does this say about the importance of LOVE?
- 7.! Discuss how Paul's **MANNER** when talking about Jesus with others inclined him toward a humble confidence that was both respectful and direct. Gospel (Rom. 1:16-17); Jesus (Col. 1:27-29); God's power (1 Cor. 3:6-7)
- 8.! Discuss Paul's **METHOD** of talking about Jesus with others. Paul...
 - A. Built 'relational bridges' that encouraged people to consider Jesus
 - B. Adapted his method to his audience but never changed the message



C. Persuasively shared his story, pointing people to Jesus, inviting them to repent & trust Jesus

Which of these three principles is most helpful for you? Why?

9.! **Read Acts 17:16-23.** Make 3 general observations from this passage.

10.! **Set Up:** What does Paul say or do in Acts 17:16-23 that would help you talk about Jesus with others? Explain.

11.! **Share Truth:** What does Paul say or do in Acts 17:24-28 that would help you talk about Jesus with others? Explain.

12.! **Solution:** What does Paul say or do in Acts 17:29-34 that would help you talk about Jesus with others? Explain.

13.! **Next Steps:** How is the Spirit inviting you to apply this message? Examples?

- 1.! Be a bridge builder
- 2.! Pray for divine appointments
- 3.! Stay in my lane

Growing in Godliness #2

Godliness is devotion to God in action. It is both 'Being' & 'Doing.'

- ! It is more (not less) than good morality--doing right & avoiding wrong.
- ! It is more (not less) than good orthodoxy--thinking & believing truth.
- ! It is being God-centered that leads to God-like choices & actions.
- ! It is being Christ-centered in heart, motive and desires that leads to Christ-like decisions and living. *Which of these are more helpful to you? Why?*

A person growing in godliness is growing in the following 20 qualities:

Loving, Joyful, Peaceful, Patience, Kindness, Gentle, Goodness, Faithfulness, Self-control, Holiness, Humility; Honesty, Integrity, Compassion, Contentment, Thankful, Sincerity, Considerateness, Forbearing, Forgiving, Courageous

Discuss HOW and WHY the above qualities are essential to godliness.

Which of these qualities is Jesus asking you to grow in? Why? How's it going?

MISSIONAL LIVING

Pray/Care/Share Who, in your life, are you asking Jesus to save?

Neighboring What are you doing in your 'neighborhood' during this crisis?

Serving As a Life Group, who are you serving in Jesus' name?

