

“ONE Challenge: Two Lives”

WITNESS – The “Light” / John 1:1-14; Mt. 5:14-16

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Isaiah 9:2 *“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.”*

ONE Challenge: Make disciples - Matthew 28:19

Two Lives: One on one – 2 Timothy 2:2; Eccles. 4:9

Discipling Equipment: www.ss.pd

Word, Witness, Worship, Service, Stewardship, Prayer, Discipleship

“Witness” – *who you are*: a lifetime of telling God’s story through your actions and words (demonstration). Acts 1:8

Matthew 9:31 – Blind healed could not help but witness!

“Evangelism” – life-time of proclaiming the good news.

“Salvation” – *what you receive from God*: a moment in time when God’s Spirit meets your spirit, and faith in Jesus becomes real and eternal.

5th Gospel - Your personal “Redemption Story”

Your “testimony” is irrefutable!

Point: *Jesus is the Light within us. Let it shine!*

Is. 9:2; Jn. 1:4, 8:12; 2 Cor. 3:18, 4:6; Ephes. 5:8; Php. 2:15;

1 Jn. 1:5; 1 Pet. 2:9

John 1:1-14 – Jesus is “The Light”

- Vs 4 - In Jesus was “life” and that life was the “light” of men.

- “light” – glory, radiance, energy, spiritual substance; Moses face.
- Vs 5 – the light shines in darkness...fact; spiritual principle, just like law of gravity.
- Vs 5b – but the darkness does NOT understand it...need someone to explain!
- Vs 6 – John was a “witness” to *testify* so all men might believe.

Matt. 5:14-16 - Jesus “Light” shines through us!

Acts 1:8 – Our flashlights need “batteries” (power)

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.”

1 Peter 3:15 *“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.*

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

What does a person have to KNOW to be saved? “God’s Redemption Story”

1. God created the world and mankind because He loves us – Genesis 1-2; John 3:16;
2. Because of Adam & Eve’s disobedience, we are all sinful and separated from God, in this life, and eternally – Genesis 3; Romans 3:23; 6:23
3. God is holy and cannot tolerate sin. We can never be “good enough” to earn God’s favor – Ephes. 2:8-9
4. God is merciful and made a way for us to be restored to himself, now and eternally, by sending his son Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin on the cross – Romans 5:8

What does a person have to DO to be saved? Pray

1. I **confess** “I am a sinner” and “I need a Savior.” – Rom. 10:9
2. I **believe** Jesus is the Son of God, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for my sin, and rose again. 1 Cor. 15:1-7
3. I **receive** the presence of Jesus (Holy Spirit) in my life and spiritual rebirth. John 3:3-7
4. I **thank** you Lord for the free gift of eternal life beginning right now. Rom. 6:23

Philemon 6 *“I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.”*

Application Questions:

1. What is your life a witness of?
2. Is there anything covering up the “Light?”
3. Has God revealed who your “ONE” is?
4. How can you love and serve them for light to shine?
5. Are you ready to explain salvation to your “ONE”?

**Consider joining us for “Share Your Faith” workshop
Saturday, September 26 @ 8:30am**

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