

INTRO

- Share a place where you've never been that you would like to check out. This could be a place to eat, something to see, or even a holiday destination.

READ

- Romans 6:11 & Galatians 2:20

REFLECT & RESPOND

Isn't it both liberating and encouraging to know that Christ has defeated sin and death. Through accepting the provision of Jesus by faith you and I become the dwelling place of God's presence. Being born of the Spirit marks the beginning of the process of sanctification in our lives by which we become holy in practice not only positional standing with God. The Holy Spirit living in us also empowers us to live righteously and be Christ like.

Qu: Why does it matter that followers of Jesus have a level of understanding on the topics of sin, salvation and sanctification?

Although not nearly complete, a basic picture of God's heart in regard to WITNESS is this: "the Son of God...loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20); "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19); For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16); "The Lord...is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9).

From a place of being aligned with the Holy Spirit and a person after God's heart people will notice the presence of God in your life and it will be attractive to them.

Jesus was an expert at connecting with others. It's imperative that we connect with others as well because witnessing is connecting and sharing the Good News. We need to know our

neighbors and keep a lookout for those in need. When we acknowledge others and listen to them it shows we care about them. Don't underestimate the power of presence. God surely will speak through you to others.

Being authentic is the product of being changed by the Holy Spirit. We should be increasingly more and more like the real deal. Our attitudes and actions will be affected and how we interact with others also changes.

Qu: What attitudes and actions in your life have changed as you've followed Jesus? Where is an area you need improvement?

Not perfect and still a little smelly? Don't sweat it, you can still effectively witness because you know the One who is perfect and there's an abundance of grace at work in your life.

How well you and I are able to articulate the Gospel is important. Although the content may remain quite consistent how it's packaged and the angle of approach may need to change depending on the individual we're sharing with. Increasing our Gospel fluency is key and requires some study. Typically the Gospel message should include the issue of sin (selfishness or going our own way), the Saviour (God's solution), and salvation (what must I do to be saved?) so focus on these areas.

RESPOND & PRAY

- Pray for someone you're believing for to come to faith. Ask God to remove any obstacles that are hindering them from coming to Jesus. Pray for wisdom on how you should talk with them and that you will step out when you recognize the opportunity.