

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- Think of one person (“your one”) who is close to you but far from God. Write their name down in a place where you will see it daily (a sticky note, your journal, etc.).
- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.** Why do you think the “fear of the Lord” leads Paul to “try to persuade people” (v. 11)?
- What is it about the “love of Christ” that “compels” Paul (v. 14)? Compels him to what?
- In your own words, what is the “ministry of reconciliation” (v. 18-21)?
- Would you describe yourself as “compelled” to share the Gospel and “try to persuade people” to know Christ? Why or why not?
- **Read Romans 10:13-17.** Paul outlines a sequence: sent, preach, hear, believe, and call. How does this sequence challenge you in your role of sharing the Gospel (evangelism)?
- What do you think it means for someone to have “beautiful feet” (v. 15) in the context of sharing the Gospel?
- What barriers have you experienced in sharing the Gospel (for example, not knowing what to say, being scared to offend someone or your job, etc.)?
- What can help you persevere in your calling to make Jesus known?
- Look back at the name of your one person. Commit to praying for an opportunity to share the Gospel with him/her every day for 2 weeks.
- If given the opportunity, how would you start a conversation with him/her about Jesus?
- Write one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step, in order to help you?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Luke 3:1-20. Based on this passage, what do you think it means to “produce fruit consistent with repentance” (v. 8)?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- Think of one person (“your one”) who is close to you but far from God. Who is he/she? What is he/she like?
- **Read John 4:1-30.** Samaria was a place Jews avoided, and Samaritans were looked down on because they were a mixed race. Why do you think, then, that Jesus – a Jew – went to Samaria and talked to a Samaritan woman?
- This woman was at the well during the hottest part of the day, meaning she was trying to avoid other women. Based on the story, why do you think that is?
- Why does Jesus bring up this woman’s personal history (v. 16-18)? What do you think she is looking for by making these decisions with men?
- How does Jesus help her see her need for Him?
- Think again about your one. What spiritual differences do you have with him/her? What common ground might you have?
- Like the Jews avoided the Samaritans, is there a stigma (negative thoughts or beliefs) attached to having a relationship with someone like your one? What are some ways you can still build a relationship with him/her, despite the stigma?
- List 3 ways you can pray for your one, and commit to praying for him/her for 2 weeks. Pray for an opportunity to share Jesus with him/her. Start now as a family.

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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