

"In-N-Out"

Week 4: We Tell Them of Him

What we want students to learn: We love others by telling them of Him.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: Be able to confidently go and tell those around them of Jesus and the wonderful Savior that He is.

Scripture Focus: Acts 1:8

The Main Point

Welcome to the "out" portion of "In-N-Out." Over the past few weeks, we have been discussing how Jesus has empowered us to invite people in to the church. Now, we are focusing on taking our stories out with us wherever we go. One of our values at Faith Promise is that "we tell them of Him". This is not a value because it rolls right off your tongue. This is scripture and our second greatest command. We are called to love God and love others. But we sometimes fall numb and unresponsive to this calling. We want to have a fire for evangelism and spreading the love of our Savior.

INTRODUCTION

Ask the Ice Breaker Question:

What in this world breaks your heart the most?

Then, as a group, make a list (about 4 or 5) of the top things in the world that burdens your group, as a whole.

All of these are very heart breaking. But, most of all, our hearts should be burdened to those around us who do not know Jesus or those around us who think they know Jesus, but aren't living the abundant life that Jesus wants for us.

Ask another Ice Breaker Question:

How many times in the past few months have you shared the gospel with someone? (explain the
difference between 'sharing the gospel' and asking someone to church)

Our job is to love Christ and love others. We show them the greatest amount of love by showing them the truest form of love: the love of God. This is our 2nd greatest command.

PRAY for the hearts of those in your group, as well as those around who do not know Jesus.

LESSON

Read Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Fill in the blank: "But you will receive the _____ when the _____ comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
 - Power; Holy Spirit
- What does this verse mean to you?
- Jesus called the people he was speaking to there to spread the gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Where do you think he is calling you to spread the gospel to?
 - We don't have to go leave another country to spread the gospel. In fact, Jesus was speaking to people near all of those places as he was talking to them.
 - Jesus has called us to spread the gospel all around us. Now, this does not mean that we cannot go to other countries. But, that is not the only place.

This is directed at teenagers, too. We are called to be a witness in all that we do. Also, it is important to mention that outside of Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria were filled with Gentiles. Gentiles are non-Jews. A very different political and religious view than Christians. And, yet, Jesus called us to love them. We are to love those at the "ends of the Earth."

LIFE APPLICATION

- Why do you come on Wednesday nights?
 - One Pastor said, if you don't feel comfortable yet with sharing your faith, share your church. If students aren't yet quite comfortable with sharing their faith, they can start by inviting others to church.
- What usually stops you from sharing your faith?
- What has helped to take away the fear of sharing your faith before?
- When you have shared your faith before, what has been successful? OR, what do you think would be successful?
 - Give students a chance to share encouraging examples with others of how they have shared their faith.
- How can we "tell them of Him" practically?
 - Be intentional with the small actions.
 - o Invite people to church with you.
 - Start a Bible Study.
 - Start a list of people who you can share the gospel with and start praying for them.
 - o Remember your job is to share the gospel and love- their response is not your responsibility.

CLOSING ACTIVITY

This closing activity is optional depending on the time remaining. Split your group up into smaller groups of three people each. Have them take turns practicing telling other people about Jesus. Use the following question as a prompt for them to answer with each other.

• In one minute or less, why do you follow Jesus?

TAKE IT OUT

Pray that your students would be bold enough to share the gospel with those around them and, even to the ends of the world. Pray for their confidence, abilities, and faith in Christ as they go forward.

After prayer, be sure to remind them of any upcoming group serving activities or student events and THE

WEEKEND!