

## Living New | Week 12

### Witness: Living as a Missionary

Ask your group members to share something that especially stood out to them, that especially encouraged them, or that they found especially helpful from the message or FONL study material this week. If your group is large, you may only have time for four or five responses.

Lead your group in prayer, asking God to create a greater burden in your lives for the lost, a greater number of opportunities to share the gospel, and a greater boldness in our lives to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who don't know.

At the top of a large Post-it, write "Why Jesus is the only way to be saved: John 14:6 and Acts 4:12." Ask each group member to look up a verse and, based on the verse, share a short reason why it's reasonable for us to believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation. Verses to use are John 1:29, John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Philippians 2:5-11. Write down/summarize each group member's response on the Post-it.

Watch the YouTube video (about 7-minutes long) "Christ the Only Way—R.C. Sproul" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxX3kEJT88g>. Ask the group members to write down observations from the video that might help them respond to the accusation that it is intolerant and narrow-minded of Christians to believe that Jesus is the only way to God. After the video, lead a discussion based on these observations.

Mention to the group that we are following a 3-Story approach: 1) Hear their story, 2) Share our story, and 3) Tell His story. With the group, read aloud the section "Conversation, not condemnation" in the Week 5, Day 3 portion of the study which relates to hearing their stories. Ask, "What are some sinful behaviors that make you pull back from engaging in a relationship?" Then ask, "Based on the relationship of Jesus with the woman at the well, how ought we respond to those lost persons who engage in sinful behaviors?"

Print copies of the section "Questions to ask to help you listen better" in the Week 12, Day 3 portion of the study. On the top of a Post-it, write "Five Best Conversation-Starting Questions." Ask the group members to create a list of their top five best questions. Compile the list. Then make an assignment for the members to ask at least one of these questions of a lost person during the next week. The group members might say to a lost friend, "I'm in a group where I'm learning more about my faith and we have an assignment this week. Would you help me with the assignment? May I ask you a question?" (Hopefully, this may lead to an opportunity to not only hear their story, but also to share ours and tell His!)

Before your session, ask a group member to have prepared their personal testimony. Have yours prepared as well. Share these two testimonies one at a time. After each person shares, take time to get the group's positive input first and constructive feedback second. What are the strength and growth areas? Pull out principles for the whole group to learn. Encourage each person to share his/her story with someone this week.

Watch the 3 Circles: Life conversation Guide presentation from Jimmy Scroggins (about six minutes long) <http://vimeo.com/96082854>. Ask the group members to share insights on what they learned from the demonstration. Pair off and practice sharing the 3 circles with each other.

Read Romans 1:16. At the top of a Post-it, write “Why be Unashamed?” Ask your group members to come up with a long list of reasons we should not be ashamed of the gospel. Capture their ideas on the Post-it.

Read some quotes from C.H. Spurgeon: “Do you want arguments for soul winning? Look up to Heaven, and ask yourself how sinners can ever reach those harps of gold and learn their everlasting song, unless they have someone to tell them of Jesus, who is mighty to save. But the best argument of all is to be found in the wounds of Jesus. You want to honor Him, you desire to put many crowns upon His head, and this you can best do by winning souls for Him. These are the spoils that He covets, these are the trophies for which He fights, these are the jewels that shall be His best adornment.” “If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” End your time in prayer.