

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Forever, Tell the World, That's Why We Praise Him, I Will Sing, High and Exalted

WELCOME

Good News Shared. Share the first Bible verse that led you to know the Gospel about Jesus.

WORD

2 KINGS 7:9

"We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent."

Why are you not sharing Christ? Is it fear, laziness, busyness, shyness, lack of knowledge, lack of skills or lack of compassion?

Sharing Christ is not just a command but a privilege for every follower of Christ. It is taking the initiative to help people understand the good news about Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the outcome to God. The good news is the Gospel: Christ died on the cross for our sins; He was buried and He rose again from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

Truth matters; it impacts lives. Whether you believe in the truth or not, truth will prevail. In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

THE FOUR BEGGARS

The city of Samaria was once surrounded by the Arameans (present day Syria). Because of the siege, the people in the city were starving to death. The famine was so severe that they ate unclean animals and even their own children (2 Kings 6:25-29).

The four lepers begging at the city gates knew that they were dying. They knew that whether they stay at the gates or they enter the city, they would die of hunger. In their desperation, they went to the enemy, who would either kill them or spare them.

Many are like these beggars. They will not move toward God or change until they reach desperation.

To the lepers' surprise, the Aramean camp was abandoned. So they feasted on food and drinks, looting silver, gold and clothes until they said to each other, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; ... let us go and tell the king's household" (2 Kings 7:9).

COMPELLING COMPASSION

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread. – D.T. Niles

The lepers understood the meaning of compassion. They found "bread" and compassion moved them to share it with others with a sense of urgency.

In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst." The spiritual hunger people have inside will never be satisfied by money, relationships or power. It can only be filled by Jesus.

The love of Jesus compels us to share the good news with compassion (2 Corinthians 5:14). When we fully understand His love, we no longer live for ourselves.

Until you've got something worth dying for, you've got nothing worth living for. – Martin Luther

AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

Jesus has given to us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18), serving people as ambassadors of Christ (v.20) to help them understand who Jesus is, what He has done and what He will do in their life, so that by believing and surrendering their life to Him they could be reconciled to God.

Coming to Christ is not just saying a prayer that you believe in Jesus as your passport to heaven. It is truly surrendering your life to Him, repenting from all your sins and committing yourself to die to yourself and to live to follow Him.

The evidence of your faith is your changed life (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you do not see any changes in your life, you should ask yourself if you have truly come to Christ. Has your purpose, your passion, your desire and your direction in life changed?

WORD (cont'd)

If you have surrendered your life to Him, He will change you. He will give you compassion to share the Gospel. It is not about getting more of Jesus but giving more of you to Jesus.

When you have truly surrendered your life to Jesus, His love will compel you as His ambassador to share the good news with compassion (v.20).

People need Jesus. They are bound to hell without Jesus. If you love them, you will have compassion to share Christ to them. It is not enough to feel sorry or

to pity people who are lost. You must take action to pray, care and share Jesus to them. If we do not share Christ, it is like telling them to go to hell.

Life is short. Don't wait until it's too late. When Christ's love abounds in you, how can you not share the good news with them? Go and share Christ with compassion for others.

Leave people better than you found them.
– Stephen Reed

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Hark the Good News.** What were the lepers not doing right with the good news according to the passage in 2 Kings 7:9? What are we not doing right with the good news about Jesus?
- 2. What's in your Mind?** Your belief precedes your behavior. What does your behavior (deeds) speak about your belief (doctrine) in Christ? Why is there a gap in between, if any?
- 3. Share Away.** Why would you or would you not share the Gospel with others? What would you do differently about sharing the good news with others, starting this week?

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SURRENDERED AND CHANGED LIFE

When did you truly surrender your life to Jesus?

Ask at least 3 individuals who knew you in the past (before you came to Jesus) to describe you in one or two words as they knew you. Then ask another set of 3 individuals who knew you only as a follower of Jesus to describe you with one or two words. Choose from your family and friends who have not come to Jesus yet.

Compare the descriptions before and now. Is there a difference?

Take this as an opportunity to share Christ with them using your personal testimony.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- New Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends