Following Jesus (9)

SHARING WITH OTHERS



It is wonderful to be part of God's family. God is our Father and we have brothers and sisters all over the world. We have learnt how important it is to meet together for fellowship with others who believe in Jesus. In this study we will see that God's plan is that we also share with others who are not yet a part of his family.

Who shared with you about Jesus and helped you come to know Him?

1. GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS FAMILY

✤ What is God's desire for men and women everywhere?

John 3:16-17_____

2 Peter 3:9

✤ What do people need to do to be saved according to the verses above?

Some families only have one or two children, but God's desire is for everyone to become part of His family, as long as they repent and believe in His Son.

✤ Who is God going to use to fulfill His plan?

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 _____

1 Peter 2:9_____

God has chosen us to be His children, and now he wants us to share with others so that they will come to know him too. Just as our country sends ambassadors to other nations to represent them, so God sends us into the world to represent him.

✤ What promise does God give that will help us when we share with others?

Acts 1:8_____

2. OUR PART IN GOD'S PLAN



There are two main ways we can do what God has asked us. The first is by the way we live as his child, and the second is the things we speak about.

A. LIVE FOR JESUS

There is a saying which says: "Actions speak louder than words." This means that other people usually take more notice of what we do, than what we say.

✤ What should our lives be like as God's children? What reason does God's Word give?

1 Peter 2:12 _____



ዮ What else does God say about the way we should live in this world?

Colossians 4:5

Matthew 5:16

What changes have taken place in your life since you began to follow Jesus that others have seen? Share.

B. SPEAK FOR JESUS



The way we live as God's children is important, but we also need to speak about what He has done. Let's look at the example of two people. The first is John, who had been one of Jesus' disciples, and the other is a woman that Jesus shared with himself.

Why did John want to share about the things he had seen and heard? What does this verse mean?

1 John 1:2-3

After this woman had met Jesus what did she do?

John 4:28-30_____

• What was the result of the woman sharing about Jesus?

John 4:39-42

The woman from Samaria who believed in Jesus, did not know much, but she shared what she knew. You can do that too.

Why is it so important that we tell others about Jesus?

Romans 10:14-15_____

Since you began to follow Jesus have you shared with anyone what He has done in your life? Talk about your experience.

God's desire is that everyone will have the opportunity to come to know Him and receive His Son, Jesus. Just as we came to know Him by the life and words of someone else, now He wants to use you to tell others about Him.



Pray for one another to be bold to share about Jesus. Share any other prayer needs.

Memory Verse

"And then he told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.' Mark 16:15

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