

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail Three, Session 11 = Spirit of Creation and New Creation

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 209
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 83

1. Prayer:

- a. Open with reading the prayer on page 83.

2. Trail Talk:

- a. Did “The Spirit of the Living God” fall afresh on you this week? If so, how? If not, why not?
- b. What does it mean to be “melted”, “molded”, “filled” and “used” by God?
- c. Pass around two pages of color photographs of God’s created order. Ask members to make mental notes of what these images bring to mind.

3. The Spirit of Creation:

- a. Q1 (page 84) When was one of those moments in your life when you caught a glimpse of God’s glory in creation?
- b. Q2 (page 84) What aspect of God’s creation has captured your fascination and led you to read about and explore more of the wonder it contains?

4. The Spirit of Creativity:

- a. What is it among the God given gifts to individuals of artistic creativity that stirs your soul? (dance, art, music, voice, crafts, etc.).
- b. Did you recognize this activity as a gift of the Holy Spirit and give thanks to God for the one employing the gift?
- c. Has God given you a creative gift that you have employed?

5. Thy Spirit of the New Creation:

- a. "Lord of the Dance" (page 85). Read and reflect.
- b. "Who is "leading" in your dance with God?"

c. When we are "leading" we fall into the "sin mode" and find ourselves in a state of alienation from God.

d. The Spirit of New Creation reminds us that we are being written "as a letter of Christ" for all the world to read, "written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts". Do you want to add a PS to your letter? If so, what would it say?

6. Moving On:

- a. Review what we have covered this week.
- b. Assignments for Next Week

(1). Reading Assignment:

(a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 91-98 underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.

(b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.

c. Action Assignment:

(1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 68.

8. Closing Prayer Sing "Spirit of the Living God" on page 89

9. Closing Word: "See you on the path!"