

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail Four, Session 17 = A Disciple-Making Fellowship

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

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1. Prayer:

- a. Talk about your witnessing experiences during the week.
- b. Reading the prayer on page 130.

2. Trail Talk:

- a. "The church is a Kingdom community of Christ's disciples who bear witness to God's amazing grace available to all through Jesus Christ"
- b. When you hear the word church, what do you think of? Are we talking about a denomination, institution, building or some other edifice that we build?
- c. What are your memories of the church when you were very young?
- d. When it is recorded in Acts that the Christians were all of one accord, what did that mean?

3. Four marks of Discipleship:

- a. Love (John 13:34-35, page 131) Jesus wrapped up all of the Jewish law into one new command, what was it? Are you willing to die for someone?
- b. Word (John 8:31-32, page 132) "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my life."
- c. Cross (Luke 14:26-27, 33, page 133)
- d. Fruit (John 15:7-8, page 134). Jesus really "lost it" twice in the Gospels, once at the temple with the money changers. What was the other occasion when Jesus really got angry and showed it? Find a listing of the Spirit's fruit in Galatians 5 (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). And remember that this is also a focus on "much fruit" or many people coming to "abide" in Jesus.

4. 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 137-144 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 136.

7. Closing Prayer:

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