

# Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

## Lesson Plan

### Trail Four, Session 19 = Our Witness in Today's World

#### (Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

#### References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 212
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 145

#### 1. Prayer:

- a. Talk about your witnessing experiences during the week.
- b. Reading the prayer on page 145.

#### 2. Trail Talk:

- a. What changes in the world around you have been the most difficult for you to deal with over the past ten years?
- b. What changes in the past 10 years have been most wonderful and welcomed by you?
- c. Did you have an opportunity to visit with someone whose roots are in another culture? What did you find out?

#### 3. Hebrews and Hellenists:

- a. Read Acts 6:1-7. How easy do people who are not of the "our-church culture" find a home at "Our Church"? How do you of the "our-church culture" feel about these "new comers"? What traditions are worth keeping? Which do we need to forget?

#### 4. Samaritans:

- a. Read and discuss Acts 8. How do you reach across cultural and social barriers? The disciples of the early church had to be literally kicked out of Jerusalem to begin spreading the gospel. Then the church finally sent some brothers down to check to see if God was really involved in what they heard about.

#### 5. The Ends of the Earth:

- b. Read and discuss Acts 10
- c. Read the translation of 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 on page 148

d. How can we here at \_\_\_\_\_ Church support the world-wide mission of the larger Church?

## **6. Witnessing in Today's World:**

a. The critical need is to recognize that we are part of the witnessing stream of the Spirit stretching through time and across nations.

b. Will we continually be open to those who remind us that adjusting our agenda and comfort zone to the Spirit's work is the only way to be truly alive in Christ?

## **7. 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 154-160 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 151.

## **7. Closing Prayer:**

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