

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail One, Session 2 = Biblical Images of God's Purpose, Vista One

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 205-206
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 14

1. Prayer:

Read the opening prayer together as you begin (page 14). Comment on the final phrase "You show me the path of life."

2. Trail Talk:

- a. Read Ken's journal entry in the side column of page 14.
- b. Select a trail name. It can be the name you already go by or a special trail name you choose for this journey. Ken has chosen "wadi" which is a stream of water that is dry part of the year.
- c. If you have chose a special trail name, tell the group the meaning behind it.
- d. Review reading assignments for this week:
 - (1) What did the scriptures you examined this week reveal as God's design and purpose for creation and humanity?
- e. Interview assignment:
 - (1) Were there any surprises?
 - (2) How clearly do people seem to understand the purpose of God?
 - (3) Were your own perspectives challenged?

3. Trail Markers:

- a. Ask hikers to give their responses to Q2 on page 15.
- b. Read these words out loud:

Shalom

Salvation

Eternal Life

4. Shalom:

- a. Review the section on Shalom on page 11 of the Trail Guide for Hikers.
- b. Ask hikers to give their responses to Q3 on page 16.

5. Salvation:

- a. Review the section on Salvation on page 16 of the Trail Guide for Hikers.
- b. Explain the usage of the fish symbol. How it was first used as a secret code for where to find the places where Christians were gathering. How they would draw the simple outline of a fish that signified that they were followers of “The Way”.

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 20-26), 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 19

7. Closing Prayer

8. Closing Word: “See you on the path!”