

Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

Lesson Plan

Trail One, Session 3 = Biblical Images of God's Purpose, Vista Two

(Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

References:

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1. Prayer:

Read the opening prayer together as you begin (page 20).

2. Trail Talk:

a. Have you witnessed some of the glories of God's creation and heard God's voice as you've walked along some biblical paths?

b. Review reading assignments for this week:

(1) What did you discover?

c. Interview assignment:

(1) Did folks seem to want to help you?

(2) Were you surprised at anything they said?

(3) Was it helpful?

3. Eternal Life:

a. Q1: What does it mean to believe in "life everlasting"? Is it a place or a relationship?

b. The Apostles Creed ends with "I believe in . . . the life everlasting. What is eternal life, or the life everlasting?"

4. New Covenant:

a. What is a covenant?

b. The word "testament" means "covenant" - - therefore in your Hebrew and Greek Bibles you have not only the "old testament" and the "new testament" - - you have the "old covenant" and the "new covenant".

c. The heart of the Covenant with Abraham was “I will be your God - - and you will be my people!” It did not take God’s “people” long to break that covenant.

d. What is the “new covenant”?

e. Can the “new covenant” be combined with the “old covenant” - - or does it replace it?

5. Glory:

a. What does it mean to “fall short of the glory of God?”

b. Habakkuk 2:14 says: “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the **glory** of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea”

6. The Kingdom:

a. In the Lord’s prayer, we pray - - “Thy Kingdom come...” - - what is the Kingdom that we pray to come?

b. Is the Kingdom “here and now” or “something in the future”?

e. Evangelist Dr. E. Stanley Jones described the Kingdom of God this way - - “Christlikeness Universalized”. Does that help?

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 27-33), 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 26

8. Closing Prayer

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