

TFT LESSON 5: God Is Our Sender

God Expects Us to Make Disciples At Any Cost

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Memory Verse:

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20.21*

The Father's Heart for the World

Throughout Bible times, people failed to grasp God's desire to reach the world. As a result, they focussed on themselves for hundreds of years, while millions of other people in the world lived and died without knowing the one true God!

Our Heavenly Father's desire to reconcile the world to Himself was not a new idea. We find clues to God's heart for the world all the way back to the beginning of Scripture:

- Genesis 12.1-4 God's desire to bless _____ of the earth
- 1 Kings 8:41-43 That _____ would know and fear Him
- Psalms 67 God's salvation among _____
- Isaiah 56.6-7 A house of prayer for _____
- John 3.16-17 God's love for _____
- 2 Peter 3.9 God's desire for _____ to come to repentance

The First and Last Impression of Jesus

Jesus spent His entire ministry proclaiming the Good News. He gave emphasis to sharing the Gospel message from His first words to His last words!

1. Jesus' first impression – Mark 1.14-20
"Come and . . ."
2. Jesus' last impression – Matthew 28.19
"Go and . . ."

When He left the earth, Jesus entrusted us with the task of continuing His work of sharing the Good News with everyone. He has sent us! We must go and tell!

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." John 20.21

How can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? Romans 10.14-15 (The Message)

Four Calls to Share the Gospel

God wants us to be faithful to share the Good News. Here are 4 ways He calls us:

1. **The call from** _____
Isaiah 6.8; Matthew 28.18-20
2. **The call from** _____
Luke 16:19-31
3. **The call from the** _____
Jeremiah 20:9; 1 Corinthians 9:16-17; Acts 4.18-20
4. **The call from the** _____
Acts 16:9

*Use your own stories to
teach these points*

Boldness in the Face of Suffering

Our Heavenly Father sent Jesus to earth to proclaim the Good News which gives everyone the opportunity to be saved. But Jesus was met with fierce opposition, and He was eventually _____ for His faith.

- What did it take to stop Jesus from sharing the Good News?

Jesus sent His disciples to proclaim the Good News. We read in the book of Acts that many believers were persecuted, imprisoned, and even put to death for their faith. In spite of fierce opposition, they continued to proclaim the Gospel message, because they valued God and His Kingdom more than their own lives. They shared boldly – even unto _____!

- What did it take to stop the first believers from sharing the Good News?

Jesus warned that everyone who follows Him is likely to encounter trouble from the world, just as He did:

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.” John 15.18-20

You have a choice: to follow Jesus and His way, or to follow the world’s way. If you follow Jesus, you can expect _____.

Jesus suffered for you. Are you willing to suffer for Him?

“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 10.32-33

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him. Philippians 1.29

- What will it take to stop you from sharing the Good News?

The Creation to Christ Story

The Gospel is the story of how God has worked to bring sinful mankind back to Himself. The “Creation to Christ Story” (handout) begins with the creation of the world, how it was spoiled by sin, and how God provided a remedy for sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The story concludes with an invitation for the person to follow Jesus.

Though the story may seem long, you can learn it in parts. Use the dot points to prompt your memory. It should take you about 10 minutes to share the entire story.

Take time to practice this story today. This week, practice it several times until you can share it confidently.

Assignment

- OBEY at least one thing you learned from this lesson: _____
- PRACTISE the Creation to Christ Story until you can recite it well
- SHARE your Personal Story or the Gospel Story with at least one person this week
- MEMORISE the key verse: John 20.21
- READ from the Bible: John 14.26-27; John 16.5-15; 2 Timothy 3.16-17; James 1.21-27
- TRAIN at least one believer outside this group, just as you were trained

Use your own stories to teach these points