

Life Application Notes

Everyday Life Week 1: Witness

Acts 2:32 - 6th June 2021

We have spent a long time, and rightly so, through the book of Galatians thinking about God's grace. How it fundamentally transforms the way that we relate to God, how we view ourselves and just how good the good news is.

On Sunday Chris kicked off our new series 'Everyday Life'. Each week in this series we will be looking at how our understanding of God's grace impacts a number of different aspects of our lives. This week Chris introduced the first aspect of our everyday life - Witness.

To kick off discuss:

What is your natural reaction to good news?

- Do you want to share it immediately? Post it on social media? Tell your neighbour? Celebrate?
- The first and most natural consequence of knowing the gospel is the desire to share it!

Have you ever had to be a witness to/for something/someone?

- For example: Witnessing a family member sneaking an extra biscuit? A marriage ceremony? Graduation?
- What does the role of a (good) witness normally include?
 - Trustworthiness? knowledge/experience of the event?

Open up a bible and read together:

"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

Acts 2:32 NIV

Jesus is Alive! This is the message that we carry - Grace means that we received it and we are now sharing it with others - there is a grace on us as a church to tell people about this resurrection.

Spend some time discussing the following questions/areas:

- **How can we accurately reflect the character of God in our day to day life? How can we avoid misrepresenting who God is?**

- People might not share our worldview of God, the God of the Bible. We've got to show people the true nature of God - otherwise they can pick up the untruthful caricatures of God. How do we reflect His true nature? Grace outworked through us, the way we communicate and act, love, serve. We represent God.
- **What is the message that we carry?**
 - Jesus is Alive!
 - We carry a message of Grace - faith in Jesus brings **life**.
 - *What strategies can we use to communicate this message in our areas of influence/communities?*
- **Why do we carry this message?**
 - Our message is one of Good News.
 - We were reminded earlier that Grace means that we received the message and we are now sharing it with others - there is a grace on us as a church to tell people about the resurrection of Jesus. The first and most natural consequence of knowing the gospel is the desire to share it!
- **Are we a faithful witness? A good witness? What can we do to display these attributes better?**
 - Every human has a choice - believe the Lie, or believe the Truth (John 10:7-10, there is an enemy). As Christians we are all witnesses - witnesses to the truth, wherever we go.

Chris challenged us to use every moment, every word, every action, to be a living witness to all those around us that Jesus is Alive!

Pray together:

- Thank God for Jesus' resurrection - for the Good news!
- That God would fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we can represent Jesus well in any arena we find ourselves in.
- For opportunities to be witnesses to our neighbours, co-workers, friends, family, strangers.