

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Recall Your Story
Practice sharing Your Story.
Write it out.
Pray it back to God.
Share it.

GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

What places in your life is it most difficult to give Jesus lordship? Talk to God about what you're going to do about it together. Return to this conversation throughout the week.

MEMORY VERSE:

*because, if you confess
with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart
that God raised him
from the dead,
you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9, ESV

DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

What is one major way your confession of Christ as Lord has influenced your life? How do you see this in each other's lives?



RESOURCES:

Pastor Brian shared several strategies and resources to aid in learning to share the gospel. Head over to our resource page to find the resources linked there!

<https://woodlandchurch.org/resources/>

Leader Resource Guide

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Sharing As An ...



SERMON NOTES

Romans 9:10-17

1. One **SIMPLE RESPONSE**. (v. 9-10)
2. One **POWERFUL PROMISE**. (v. 11-13)
3. One **UNCHANGING PLAN**. (v. 14-17)

For practical resources, tools, and books, visit woodlandchurch.org/resources.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Spend time praying for the conflict in the Ukraine. Here are 5 simple ways; Lord, protect the innocent. Lord, bring justice. Lord, give diplomats incredible wisdom and miraculous breakthroughs. Lord, show us ways to help. Let us see what you are doing, Lord. (Taken from Justin Earley)

Was a particular tool or plan (like the Romans Road, 4 Spiritual Laws, etc.) helpful to you when you received Jesus as Savior? What is a tool for sharing the Gospel that you have found helpful (Bridge Illustration, Turn/Trust/Transfer, etc...)?

CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Together, read Romans 10:9-17.

1. Confessing that “Jesus is Lord” means that you surrender to him in all areas and he rightfully becomes the authority in your life. Read Romans 6:6,9-14,16-18; Romans 7:4, 21-25; Romans 8:5-6, 12-14. In what ways do these verses show how Jesus becomes Lord of a person’s life? Is he truly the Lord of your life? Romans 7:21-25 highlights the war that wages in our hearts to keep Jesus as Lord. Do you feel this battle? What is one major way your confession of Christ as Lord has influenced your life?
2. Revisit Romans 10:11-13 and read Romans 1:16 and Acts 2:38-39. Why is this promise so powerful? What does it reveal about who this Lord is? (Remember question 1 above, is he worthy to be Lord over your life?) Does this promise encourage you as you seek to speak the gospel message to others? Why or why not?
3. What is the purpose of Paul's series of questions in Romans 10:14-17? Is verbally sharing the gospel important? Why?

In the practical portion, Pastor Brian shared about two stories: Your Story and His Story. Take some time to dive into these two:

4. His Story:

What are the essential elements of sharing the gospel? Work together to tell His Story, making sure you cover all the elements of the gospel. Which parts are you rusty on or unsure of? Repeat this exercise a few times, each taking turns with a part of the story until you’re all comfortable.

This could be a great time to download the app God Tools or revisit the tools Pastor Brian referred to in the sermon: the Bridge illustration, Steps to Peace with God, and Turn, Trust, Transfer.

5. Your Story:

Share Your Story (aka testimony) describing your life before Christ, how you came to Jesus, and the difference he makes in your life now. As you listen to each other’s stories, make it a time of worship to celebrate what God has done and is doing in each other’s lives. Also, listen for the different aspects of His Story and help each other clarify and refine Your Stories so that His Story shines through with power. *Don’t let this be a rote retelling of Your Story. Listen for what was most significant in your receiving Christ as savior: a person, a shared plan of salvation, preaching, reading the Bible, other, combination of some of these? In sharing what he’s doing now in your life and how you’ve seen him move in the last year, 5 years, 10 years, Your Story comes alive with the gospel power of God (Romans 1:16).*

6. **What is a Gospel tool and/or plan of salvation you have found helpful? Of all the resources, ideas, strategies, shared in these three Ambassador messages, which one have you felt nudged to put into practice? What specific steps will you take to follow through on this?**