

The Walk: Sharing the Good News

(Week 6: Corresponding to message on Feb. 7, 2016)

Getting Started:

1. Share one way you practiced living generously this past week.
2. Share your story of how you came to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Matthew 9:36 – 38.
 - a. Why did Jesus have compassion on the multitudes?
 - b. What does it mean in verse 36 when Matthew says, "... because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd?" How did this describe you before you came to know Jesus as Savior and Lord?
 - c. What is Jesus referring to by "harvest" in verse 37 and who are the "workers?"
 - d. What is the message of verse 38 and how does it apply to you?
2. Look up the following verses and describe what they say about people who do not know Jesus as Savior and Lord:
 - a. Matthew 4:16
 - b. Luke 19:10
 - c. John 3:18
 - d. John 3:36
 - e. Romans 6:23
 - f. 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - g. Ephesians 2:12
 - h. Colossians 1:13
 - i. 2 Thessalonians 1:9
 - j. Hebrews 2:15

k. Hebrews 9:27

l. Revelation 20:15

3. Look up the following verses and describe what they say about people who know Jesus as Savior and Lord:
 - a. John 3:18, 36
 - b. John 1:12
 - c. Ephesians 1:7; 2:4 - 6
 - d. Colossians 1:13
 - e. How do these verses motivate you to share your faith?
 - f. Who do you know by name that is heading in this direction? What can you do to begin to reach them (or what have you done to reach them)?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18 – 20.
 - a. What do these verses tell us about our title and responsibility as followers of Jesus?
5. How does the Great commission (Matthew 28:18 – 20) and the examples of Jesus and the early church encourage you to share your faith?

Taking it home:

1. Why is it hard to share our faith with others? How does Ephesians 6:19 encourage you?
2. If you have had the opportunity to share your faith, briefly share some ideas of what has worked for you?
3. In light of the model mentioned on Sunday of "Pray, Care, and Share," what are some ways you can implement this in your neighborhood personally and as a small group?
4. What will you do differently this week in light of your responsibility to share your faith?