
13 Witnessing

Review the following verses, and check them off after quoting them correctly from memory.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 5:11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Cor 10:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 16:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 1:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:33 | <input type="checkbox"/> Phil 4:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 119:9,11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 13:34-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cor 9:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 122:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eph 2:10 |

MEMORIZE Mark 5:19

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And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." Mark 5:19

What could you tell someone about how your life has changed because of Christ? Have you thought about how to give a clear explanation of your faith?

Peter wrote, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3: 15). As someone who has experienced God's saving love, you have much to share.

In Mark 5 we read how Jesus encountered a man who was demon-possessed and living in tombs. With power Jesus healed the man. As Jesus was leaving, the man begged him to let him come along. Jesus' reply - the memory verse for this lesson - was that the man should instead return home and share his new-found life with others. The man did so, and we read in Mark 5:20 that "all the people were amazed."

We too were living in the "tombs" of deadly sin before we accepted Christ as our Savior. And so we also have good news to tell others!

EXPLORING MARK 5:19

What did Jesus tell this man to share with members of his family?

Read Mark 5:2-5 and 5:15. What impact do you think this man's changed life would have on his family?

"TELL THEM HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU"

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What does God say we are?
2. In Acts 4:18-20, Peter and John were ordered not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. Why did Peter and John say they could not obey this order (verse 20)?
3. Write a paragraph summarizing the most important things you believe the Lord has done for you.
4. Read Romans 1:16. Why can we have confidence in speaking to others about the good news of Jesus Christ?

"TELL THEM ... HOW HE HAS HAD MERCY ON YOU"

5. What important facts do you see in these verses about why and how God saved you?

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

John 1:12

6. Describe in your own words the truth of Romans 5:1 as you have experienced it in your life.

7. How did Paul summarize the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4?

8. You are sure to receive a variety of responses as you share your faith with others. Many will raise objections to the gospel, and will not recognize their need of Christ. Read the Scriptures listed on the next page and tell how they apply to the following objections to the gospel:

"I'm basically a good person." (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5)

"People from all religions will make it to heaven." (John 14:6, Acts 4: 12)

"What about all the Christians I know who are hypocrites?" (Romans 14: 12)

"I'll become a Christian someday." (2 Corinthians 6:2, James 4: 14)

9. What did Paul request prayer for regarding his witnessing to others (Colossians 4:3-4)?

WRITE OUT MARK 5:19 FROM MEMORY.

APPLYING MARK 5:19

Write here the names of some people you would like to witness to about what Christ has done for you.

Begin to pray regularly for these people and plan a time you could share the gospel with at least one of them. Briefly describe your plan here.