

LIFE LESSON – Making it Live

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Caring isn't enough

How much do you care for your family, neighbors and friends? Do you think you care enough to die for them? Do you care enough to share the Gospel with them? **Discuss:** Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Was it to make the world a “better” place? Was it to give us an example of sacrificial living? Did He submit to this because He cared for us? He cared enough to die for our sins.

Christianity is apocalyptic

What does the word apocalyptic mean? The dictionary says:

1. *Describing or prophesying the complete destruction of the world.*
2. *Resembling the end of the world; momentous or catastrophic.*

Discuss: What happens after God fulfills His promise to end this world? He promises an eternal existence either with Him in paradise, a new Heaven and a new Earth, or an eternal existence banished to unimaginable torment. What is your responsibility toward those you love?

Our primary mission

What is your primary mission in life? To raise a family of “good” people? To sell more product? To become wealthy? To be a wonderful teacher? What does the Great Commission mean to you personally? Can you share how you have led someone to a saving faith in Jesus as Savior?

Discuss: Our primary mission, as Christians, is to bring the good news that people’s relationship with God can be restored through Jesus’ death on the cross. Who will you share that with this week?

Possibility of peace

What do you think it will take to create worldwide peace? Universal prosperity? Education? Everyone belonging to the same religion? The Bible teaches us that harmony between the individual and God precedes peace between humans and that Jesus created the *possibility* of peace on the cross. **Discuss:** If you as a Christian have personal peace with God, why would you not wish that for everyone? Who do you know who need God’s peace?

Practical advice

Share how you would prepare in advance for an evangelism discussion with a friend or co-worker. When is the right time for such a discussion? Do you know how to proceed with such a face-to-face discussion?

Discuss the following helpful tips:

Before the meeting –
Pray
Rely on the Holy Spirit
Look for the open door
Look for the right circumstances

During the meeting –
Show your love for this person
Be interesting
Trust in the Holy Spirit

After the meeting –
Rely on the Holy Spirit

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