

Share Your Faith through Thanksgiving

Share Your Faith – Part 3

Life Church St. Louis – November 18, 2012

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Psalm 105:1-2 (NIV) Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

1. Understand that life isn't always _____

1A. Believers will be _____

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

1B. Believers will face _____

James 1:2 (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

2. Respond to trials _____ way

2A. _____ in the midst of trials

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV) Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2B. Give _____ at all times

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

3. Impact others through _____

3A. Refuse to _____

Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV) Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe

3B. _____ your faith

Philippians 2:16a (NIV) as you hold out the word of life ...

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think it is hard to have a heart of thanksgiving?

In what ways is giving thanks to the Lord related to telling others about Him (Psalm 105:1-2)?

Under what circumstances should you give thanks to God? Why?

1. Do you think life is fair? Why or why not?

1A. Why does the Bible teach that every believer will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12)?

1B. How can facing trials of many kinds be considered joyful (James 1:2)?

What is your normal reaction to trials? How would you like to change?

2A. What does Jesus teach should be our response to trials and persecution (Matthew 5:11-12)?

2B. What is the relationship between the three commands in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18?

How do you think you could grow in giving thanks at all times?

3A. According to Philippians 2:14-15, how would a life of thanksgiving make you stand out in society?

3B. What does a life of complaining tell others about your faith? What does a life of thanksgiving tell others about your faith?

Think of some practical examples of sharing your faith by giving thanks to God.

Summarize the thought of Philippians 2:14-16 with regard to reaching out to those who are not believers.

How can the story of Paul & Silas in prison motivate you to having a thankful heart (Acts 16:16-40)?