

Growth Group Bible Study

Coming and Going Mini-Sermon Series
A Witness, a Light and a Sweet Aroma



January 13, 2019

Reading Acts 1:6-8; Matt. 5:14-16; 2 Cor. 2:14

Opening Questions

1. What has been the most effective way you have found for sharing your faith (your witness for Jesus)?
2. What has been a “good work (deed)” in your recent path that you hope was a “light” for Jesus?
3. Where or when is it most difficult for you to be “a sweet aroma” for Jesus?
4. Share a time when you “blew it and knew it” in being a Christian (e.g. at home, with kids or friends, at job, at recreation, etc.)

Study

1. What is the backdrop of Acts 1:6-8 and what makes that circumstance significant for what Jesus teaches? cf. also Matt. 28:19-20
2. What are the key elements or parts of being a witness for Jesus?
3. Read Mark 5:18-19. How does what Jesus says help us “relax” more in how we can be His witnesses?
4. What makes going for Jesus as a witness hard for us and how do we overcome our issues?

5. In Matt. 5:14-16, what does Jesus warn us not to do with the “light”?
6. If Jesus is “the light of the world” (John 8:12) in what way are we “the light of the world”?
7. What “good works” do you see that we can do as great ways to “illuminate the world” so that God is glorified?
8. What is the background to Paul’s teaching about the “sweet aroma” in 2 Cor. 2:14?
9. In what ways can we influence our world with the “sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place”? (2 Cor. 2:14)
10. Where do you see the greatest need in our culture and society for more “sweet aroma of Jesus”?

Application

1. In consideration of going for Jesus as a witness, a light and a sweet aroma, pray about how you can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do better in each area.
2. Take time to ask yourself after events, activities and interactions this week, “What kind of ‘sweet aroma of Christ’ did I leave behind”?