

SOW: Season of Witness - Week 5: Presence of God

HANDOUT

We are sent to help bring the presence of God into the lives of those far from God.

Mark 6:6b-13

Pray for Witnessing Opportunities

- You are called by Jesus and you are sent by Jesus

v.7 *“And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.”*

- Go in ways that are lightweight and low-maintenance (v.8-9)

= It's all about being **highly relational!**

- To follow Jesus means to repent and believe the good news (v.12)

Mark 1:15 *“‘The time has come,’ Jesus said. ‘The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!’”*

- You must respond as a spiritual person to what troubles the lost (v.13)

= Seek to connect with their HEART, not just their head.

The Presence of the Kingdom

Matthew 18:20 *“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”*

= when we pray with someone in Jesus' name, He is there.

BE ALERT:

- Who are the ones who find it interesting that you are a spiritual person and a follower of Jesus?
- Who is asking questions that are spiritual in nature, and who welcomes those conversations?
- Who is open to you praying with them about situations in their life?

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PAUSE

Talk about a time when you saw the presence of God impact someone who otherwise seemed to be far from Jesus

Moving to Spiritual Conversations

The BREAKTHROUGH QUESTION is so simple!

= **“Can I pray for you?”**

Also ask similar spiritually themed questions, such as:

- “Tell me about your spiritual journey” or “Have you ever had a spiritual experience?”
- "Do you think there's a God and if so, what do you think God would be like?"
- The Miracle Question: " If God could do any miracle in your life right now what would it be?"
- “I’m praying for you today - is there anything specific I can pray for you?”

To move into spiritual conversations requires that you are WILLING to...

1. ... have been **outed** as follower of Jesus
2. ... **operate** as a spiritual person

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Moving to Salvation Conversations

Alongside showing the Gospel, you must also speak about the Gospel

The key is to keep this relational

The most negative conversation you'll have is the one inside your head!

HOMEWORK

Commit to offer, "**Can I pray for you?**" when you are with your lost friends.

Let them encounter God's presence there and then!

Think of some people or places where this could happen in the next week.

Who will hold you accountable for making this shift?