

COME AND SEE

John 4:28-30, 39-42 NIV - Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ... Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

DESCRIPTION

When disciples of John the Baptist asked Jesus about following Him, His response was, "Come and see." Later, after Jesus prophetically discerned the secrets of a Samaritan woman's life, she went back to her village and told everyone to "come and see" the Prophet she had encountered. She knew He was the King and Messiah they had been waiting for.

Sharing our testimony of how Jesus has touched our lives can be powerful by itself. This said, it is also beneficial to accompany our sharing of our story with a demonstration of God's Kingdom. Once they come to see and hear for themselves, they will have had an experience that they cannot easily forget. This could prove to them that Jesus is real and change their faith.

Therefore, practicing this Come and See exercise is about sharing our own story of encountering Jesus while also taking it to the next step of engaging the people we share with in the Kingdom of God.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the ways that you have made yourself real to me. Help me to share my experience of you with others so that they can encounter your Kingdom and goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PURPOSE:

To effectively share our experience of Jesus with others and invite them to their own faith in Him.

To demonstrate the Kingdom of God to those who may not have experienced it yet.

To shine as light in the darkness so that people can come to know Jesus.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Confidence in sharing our faith with others.

Growing in our ability to demonstrate God's Kingdom.

Recognizing what Jesus has done in our lives.

Increasing in being the light of the world to those who are in darkness.

CONSIDERATIONS



How did you first come to know Jesus? What is your salvation testimony? What has Jesus done for you?

In what ways has Jesus revealed His Kingdom and power to you? Did He manifest Himself to you in some way? Have you been healed or received a personal prophetic word? Has He changed your character? Were you "blind but now you see?"

How can you share your experience of Jesus with unbelievers in a way that is relevant to their lives?

How are you personally equipped to demonstrate God's Kingdom? (i.e. prophesying, healing, casting out demons, demonstrating Kingdom character in love, joy, and kindness?)

Why is it important to demonstrate the Kingdom of God to people? How can you become better equipped to do so?

PRACTICE

1. Ask God if there is anyone who may not know Jesus yet that He desires for you to share His Kingdom with.

2. Tell them something about your experience with Jesus. Be led by the Holy Spirit so it is tailored by the Lord for them.

3. Use the following as a guide for revealing God's Kingdom:

If you are not yet equipped in the works of God's Kingdom:

- Is there a church, ministry, prayer group, or worship night you could invite them to where the true Gospel is proclaimed and the Kingdom is manifested?

If you are equipped in the works of God's Kingdom:

- How does God want you to demonstrate the Kingdom to this person? Ask them if you can pray for them. Is God giving you a prophetic word for them? Do they need healing for anything? Follow where the Lord leads you.

If you are advanced in the works of God's Kingdom:

- Invite them to tag along with you as you minister to others. Jesus openly demonstrated His approach to curious followers and they saw, heard, and believed.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

John 1:35-42

Matthew 10:7-8

Luke 10:17-20

Acts 10:38

Matthew 8:16

1 Corinthians
14:24-25

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