



Countercultural Practices

Week 4: Witness and Scripture | Teacher: Tammy Gray and Caleb Willis
Sermon Questions for 7.20.2025

Opener

Would you rather spend more time reading God's Word or talking with others about him?

Read

1 Peter 3:15; Mark 16:15; Romans 15:13; John 5:39-40; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 16; Isaiah 55:11

Main Points

1. As we're instructed to be prepared to share the good news of Jesus with others, with an attitude of gentleness and respect, it all starts with intimacy with him.
2. Keys to practicing witnessing are intimacy with Jesus and intentionality in our relationships with others.
3. Once you step into the opportunity to witness, it's exhilarating to partner with him and get to be a part of someone's journey towards Jesus.
4. Two steps for practicing scripture (studying): (a) Interpretation - read what it says and understand what it means (information), and (b) Meditation - allow it to shape you (formation).
5. We cannot love what we do not know.
6. Reading scripture does not positionally make you more of a Christian, but it shows you more of Christ.

Engage with God in a Group

- What is a significant experience you've had around the practice of witnessing?
- With whom do you think God has put in your life to invite you to share your faith?
- How do you see the practices of "Witness" and "Scripture" connected to each other?
- What might need to change to invest your time in reading God's Word?
- What is a verse that God has used in your life in a significant way?

Bottom Line

Witness: As we walk with Jesus, witness will be a natural byproduct of deepening intimacy with him.

Scripture: We learn a lot about the gospel from scripture, but we also go back and read scripture in light of the gospel.