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Module 2: What Is My Purpose

Student's Notes

Lesson Five - Influence

Key Takeaway

We can be godly influences wherever we are!

Introduction

1. Jesus has called us to make disciples by being an influence through our lives.
2. We have all been empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a witness and living testimony for Jesus Christ.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

I. WE ARE GOD'S WITNESSES

The biblical word for “witness” is one who is called upon to tell what he has seen and heard, and to proclaim what he knows.

We have experienced God's goodness personally.

In everything we do, we are to declare His glory because of what He has done for us.

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

We are God's representatives on Earth.

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II. WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR LOVE

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35

We are to show Christ's love to others.

We become channels through which others experience the love of God.

III. WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR LIVES

By living with integrity

By living holy lives (1 Peter 2:9)

By living for God's glory in every part of our lives

1. In our families, we are to understand God's design for each role within the family. This enables us to live out our purpose in our family.
2. In our communities, we are to understand that God has placed us in circles of friends and in our neighbourhoods to be a godly influence on others.
3. In our places of work or study, we glorify God through our diligence, excellence and integrity.

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IV. WE WITNESS THROUGH OUR TESTIMONY

Jesus commanded His disciples to witness actively (Matthew 28:16-20).

We should begin right where we are (Acts 1:8).

We need to be ready to witness wherever and whenever (2 Timothy 4:2).

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide us to the right person, at the right time.
2. Respond in obedience and be prepared to do anything the Holy Spirit tells us to (Acts 8:29-30).
3. The Holy Spirit will enable us to present the Gospel in boldness and confidence.
4. Present the opportunity for the person to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.
5. Personally lead and guide them in committing to take the Next Step as a new disciple.

Conclusion

1. We cannot keep the Gospel and love of Jesus to ourselves.
2. Our newfound purpose as believers is to use the influence that we have been given to share Jesus and be a witness for Him.