



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: You know as a Christian, you're supposed to make disciples - but what's the best way? And who should be doing the heavy lifting? As it turns out, "evangelism" is a lot bigger - and subtler - than you often think, and the right person to carry it out is you!

2. DISCUSSION:

1 Peter 2:9 [NLT]

"...You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."

The calling - and blessing - to serve as a representative of God is on every believer, including you! As you show people what it looks like to be brought from darkness into light, God will draw them to repentance and life change.



Q . Do you feel like God has a "call on your life?" If so, how would you describe it to someone?

Q . When you consider God's plans for you, do you think of them more as things He wants you to do, or ways He wants you to be? Which should take priority?

3. CHALLENGE:

Matthew 5:16 [GNT]

"In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

When it comes to fulfilling God's call to make disciples, we're always "on the clock."

His influence on your attitudes, your perspectives, and your actions, should touch every aspect of life. In that way, you'll be showing people what God has done inside you and pointing them to Him.

Q . What's an activity or scenario in your life where it's easy to spot God's influence? What's one where it's difficult?

Q . How could you go about increasing God's influence in that area?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for calling you to be part of such an important assignment. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase His influence in parts of your life that you've never considered before, so you can be more effective at making disciples.



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1. POWER VERSE: Job 42:2 *"I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you."* What's Up: "Nothing Can Stop The Work Of God!"

This week, we start a brand new series called, "Prison Break." In this week's lesson, we learn that **NOTHING** can stop God's plan. Through the apostles' Prison Break, we learn that God is more powerful than anything and everything in this world!

2. DISCUSSION:

Acts 5:12-42 *The apostles did many signs and wonders among the people. More and more men and women believed in the Lord. Crowds even gathered from the towns around Jerusalem. They brought their sick people. All of them were healed. The high priest and all his companions. They were very jealous of the apostles. So they arrested them and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord came. He opened the doors of the jail and brought the apostles out. "Go! Stand in the temple courtyard," the angel said. "Tell the people all about this new life." Early the next day they did as they had been told. They entered the temple courtyard. There they began to teach the people. The high priest... sent for the apostles who were in jail. The officers arrived at the jail. But they didn't find the apostles there. "The guards were standing at the doors. But when we opened the doors, we didn't find anyone inside." Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courtyard. They are teaching the people." So the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles back. "We gave you clear orders not to teach in Jesus' name," he said. Peter and the other apostles replied, "We must obey God instead of people! You had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. But the God of our people raised Jesus from the dead. Now Jesus is Prince and Savior. God has proved this by giving Jesus a place of honor with him. He did it to turn Israel away from their sins and forgive them. We are*

telling people about these things. And so is the Holy Spirit. God has given the Spirit to those who obey him." When the leaders heard this, they became very angry. They wanted to put the apostles to death. But a Pharisee named Gamaliel stood up in the Sanhedrin. "So let me give you some advice. Leave these men alone! Let them go! If their plans and actions only come from people, they will fail. But if their plans come from God, you won't be able to stop these men. You will only find yourselves fighting against God." The leaders ordered them not to speak in Jesus' name. Then they let the apostles go. The apostles were full of joy as they left. They considered it an honor to suffer shame for the name of Jesus. They never stopped telling people the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.



3. CHALLENGE:

- Q. Was everyone happy about what the disciples were doing? What happened to the apostles? Did they stay there? Were the apostles able to keep preaching & teaching?
- Q. What can we do when it seems like the enemy is trying to stop God's plan?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

As Christians, we have a very real enemy - the devil. The Bible says that the enemy has come to steal, kill, and destroy. The devil will try anything and everything in order to try to stop God's plan. The early Church learned this the hard way. The apostles found themselves thrown in prison simply for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lead your children in a prayer of thanksgiving that God is unstoppable! His plan is unstoppable! Pray that God will help them be bold!