

## Walking with the Word (Study of Jesus' interaction with People)

### Why He said He came:

**Luke 4:16-21** <sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me*

1. *To preach the gospel to the poor;* (in spirit)
2. *He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,*
3. *To proclaim liberty to the captives*
4. *And recovery of sight to the blind,*
5. *To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*
6. <sup>19</sup> *To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

<sup>20</sup> Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

### We are the Body of Christ

**Matthew 16:18** <sup>18</sup> *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

**I Corinthians 12:12-27** <sup>12</sup> For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ... <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

**Colossians 1:24** <sup>24</sup> I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

### Christ is the Head

**Ephesians 1:22-23** <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be head over all things to the church*, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Ephesians 4:15** <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

**Colossians 1:18** <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

### Paul's Exhortation:

**1 Corinthians 11:1** <sup>1</sup> Imitate me, just as I also *imitate Christ*.

**Ephesians 5:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

## OPTIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Discussion with Nicodemus (Religious) - John 3:1-21

V1-2 Came to him at night –

**1 Peter 3:15** <sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

V2-21 Discussed with Nicodemus–

**2 Timothy 2:24-26** <sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

**2 Timothy 4:2** <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

**Fruit - John 19:38-41** – Joseph/Armathea & Nicodemus/Jesus' body

### Questions

Are we open to inopportune encounters?

Are we prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks?

(If not, recommend reading New Believers Bible/New Creation Study)

Are we willing to trust Him & learn each time & get better over time?

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### Personal Application This Week

– Look for those chance encounters & ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION

## **2. John 4:3-42 – Discussions with Samaritan Woman (Sinner)**

V4 – He needed to go through Samaria

- \* Purposely went to Jerusalem to talk with this woman!
- \* Wrong gender, people group, social status, walking/living in sin

### **Fruit**

**John 4:39-42** – Many, many believed that He was the Christ/Savior

### **Application Questions**

Do we seek opportunities to talk to people not in our social/economic strata?

Do we seek opportunities to talk with the unsaved person?

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### **Personal Application This Week**

SEEK OUT/LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES to spend time with, talk to, engage in conversation with someone not in our social/economic strata, an unsaved person & make at least one Christian comment.