



Town + Field

CHURCH

Sunday, February 14
Leader Discussion Guide

WITNESS: People Who Display God

LIFE CHECK-IN (10 minutes)

Take a few minutes to do an emotional health check-in with your Community, creating space for each person to answer the questions below:

- What was a high and what was a low from the last week?
- Where did you see/sense/feel/hear/experience God in that time?

OPENING PRAYER (5-7 minutes)

Spend a few minutes listening for what God might be up to in your group.

TEACHING SUMMARY (2-5 minutes)

This week Jacob Ott explored what it means to be a WITNESS through the way we “display” God in our everyday lives. .

- How would your group summarize the teaching in their own words?
 - Or, what stood out to you from the teaching?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (20-30 minutes)

- Jacob shared the story of his youth leader who displayed the fruits of the Spirit in a way that captured Jacob’s attention from a young age. He witnessed something in that leader’s life that he wanted more of, peace. Who is someone early in your life that caught your attention? What was it about their witness that you found compelling?
- Read Deuteronomy 4:5-8 NIV.
 - Jacob talked about how ancient Israel was situated right at the center of Africa, Asia, and Europe. The nation was at the crossroads of a number of world empires that all had different ways of life. Israel was called by Yahweh to “display” his goodness to anyone who sojourned through or decided to stay a while.
 - This passage in Deuteronomy points out that it was through the PRESENCE of God and their COMMUNAL LIFE reflected in the LAW that they displayed the glory of Yahweh to foreigners.
- We are not a theocratic nation like Israel was, but how do you think the church can display God’s PRESENCE today?

- Read John 14:15-18. Again, after reading this passage how do we display the reality that God is in and with us?
- Again, we are not a theocratic nation like ancient Israel that lived by the ancient Law. (Remember, the LAW was primarily relational. I.e. 10 commandments) However, how do you think the church is called to display the goodness of God through our relationships to one another? In other words, how should we display the reality that we are a different kind of community?
- PRESS IN (PRAY, EAT, SERVE, SHARE, INVITE)
 - Jacob reminded us of this acronym that is helpful when building relationships. Which part are you best at? Which part do you tend to stop before you get started?
- Take some time to discuss creative ways to DISPLAY God in the midst of this pandemic.

PRAYER (5-7 minutes)

- As a group pray for our 9 Global Missionaries and 3 Global Projects. Finally, pray for your 3 people who you want to come to know Jesus.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it’s ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.



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