

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR
Participant's Handout

SESSION No. 2: CALL TO WITNESS

1. Authentic Christianity is all about meeting, living and sharing Christ.
 - * To meet and know Christ is to be in a personal relationship with him
 - * To live Christ is to respond to the call to holiness and discipleship.
 - * To share Christ is to participate in witnessing to Jesus and proclaiming the gospel in the normal day-to-day circumstances of our lives. It is a call to love God and to love your neighbor
2. God wants us to make loving Him our highest ideal. Thus God made it into a commandment of the highest priority.
3. We are to love God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul
 - * Not an emotion, which is changeable, but rather a commitment, a decision to love.
 - * We are to be totally committed to God, to put Him first.
 - * We need to have a personal relationship with God, and spend regular time with Him in prayer and the Bible.
 - * We are to serve God with the use of our mind.
 - * We keep our mind clean and holy.
 - * We use our mind according to God's truths and not according to the world's ways.
 - * We give God all our resources--time, money, energy, gifts, abilities, possessions.
4. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves.
 - * Loving neighbor, together with loving God, form the core of the Christian life.
 - * Christian love is:
 - Connected with keeping God's commandments.
 - A self-sacrificial love.
 - Committed service to others.
 - * Our neighbor is anyone who is in need of our help.

Discussion starter

How have I loved God in a concrete way?

Scripture readings

Matthew 22:36-38 and Mark 12:28-30

John 14:21-24

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Romans 12:1-2

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 John 2:7-11

1 John 3:16-18

1 John 4:7-21

The challenge

Loving God is not as vague and impractical as you may think. It involves specific, practical actions, decisions and commitments. Can you make loving God your first and highest ideal? Are you ready to make Jesus the model of your life?

