

God Time Day 1: News that Won't Wait



Whether finding a new laundry detergent or having a baby, when someone's life has been radically changed, they do not shrink away from telling others about it. Let's look at a Biblical example.



Read John 1:40-42a, 43, 45

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "the Christ"), ⁴² and he brought Simon to Jesus.

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me." ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth.

Underline the "first" thing Andrew did after meeting Jesus.



Circle what Andrew did next.

What did Philip do right after choosing to follow Jesus?

This behavior is so consistent throughout the Bible that failure to share the Good News about Jesus and invite others to join us can be a pretty good indicator that a person has not become a follower of Jesus. If we claim to be a follower of Jesus but make excuses for not sharing Him with others, we should look carefully at our behavior. Does it give evidence of our faith?



If you consider yourself a follower of Jesus, write down at least one way that knowing Him has changed your life. (This QR can help)



Is there any good excuse that should keep you from telling others about this change?

God Time Day 2: Created to Declare



Read Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Underline the two illustrations Jesus uses to describe His people. (Hint: The first seven words of verses 13 and 14)

Salt: Throughout history, salt has been an important resource. Not only is it used to give food flavor, but it is essential in preserving against spoilage. So, Jesus' followers should have similar effects wherever they go. We make things flavorful (better) and preserve what is good.



On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) how would you rate your potential to enhance the flavor of your relationships and to preserve what is good in them?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What could you do to be just a bit more "salty?"

Light: Without light, people stumble and fall, lose their way, and surrender to fear. But even the smallest candle pushes back the darkness.

What does Jesus say is the result of letting our light shine before others? (Verse 16)



Write down one way this week that you will put your light "on a lampstand?" (Hide it... Oh No!)

God Time Day 3: Effects of the Law



In Matthew 5:17-18, Jesus said that not even the smallest part of the Old Testament Law would be cancelled. Yet a major element of the Law is punishment for those who do not obey it – what the Bible calls “sin.”



Read Romans 3:23 and 6:23

3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Romans 3:23, underline who has sinned.

In Romans 6:23, underline what is the wage, the payment, for our sinning?



Circle the word “*but*” in Romans 6:23. There is an alternative to the certainty of death. It’s a “*gift of God*.”

How can people know about this gift if no one tells them?

God Time Day 4: Grace Beyond Law



Re-read Romans 6:23 from Day 3.

What makes something a gift rather than a wage?



Are you forced to accept a gift? Will a gift benefit you if you never accept it? Can you accept a gift you don’t know about?

Where would you be if someone hadn’t shared the gift God offers through Jesus to save you from the wages – the consequences - of your sin?



Read Romans 10:14

How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without [someone to tell them]?

How can you be that *someone*?

God Time Day 5: Finding Hope



Many of us may be feeling inadequate to be the salt, light, and proclaimer of good news we are supposed to be. But the truth of God’s grace is that only by Christ living in us are we able go beyond our natural, selfish tendencies. Jesus is our hope! It’s not dependent on our ability to be good.



Read Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Circle the words, “*Christ lives in me*.”

How would you explain that to someone new to the faith?

With that truth in mind, look back at what Jesus said about being salt and light in Matthew 5:13-16 (Day 2). If Jesus is living in you, His flavor will impact all your relationships and work to preserve the good in what might otherwise be ruined. His light will chase away spiritual darkness wherever you go. Therefore, your life matters! You may be the only Jesus some people will ever see.

But keep in mind, such a transformation is not a “once-and-done” kind of event. It requires ongoing effort – making godly choices daily so that they become natural.

And like a diet and exercise program, it takes more than one meal or one workout.

One way you can make a consistent transformative effort is to be part of the two-year Go2 initiative, living out the monthly Go2 rhythm to Serve, Fast & Pray, Invite, and Celebrate. Learn more at CBCFamily.net/Go2.



Thank God Jesus is our hope. You don’t have to rely on your ability to be good enough.