

Group Questions – *Shout/Scream*: Week 2

04/14/24 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- Who is someone you know that you know that you're drawn to just by being themselves?
- There's a saying that goes 'don't ever meet your heroes'? Do you have a story of meeting your 'hero' that either proves or disproves this idea?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- Our guiding question today is 'What happens when people look at my life?'
- Have you ever thought about the idea "(insert your name) you may be the only Jesus that someone gets to meet."?
- How does that make you feel?
- Pastor Kirby quoted 20th century evangelist Billy Sunday "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."
- What does this quote make you think about or feel?
- Jesus often used metaphors to talk about a life following Him. We talked about "Salt", "Light" and "Fragrance". Of the 3 which one sticks out to you, why?
- **READ:** Matthew 5:13-16
- What words or phrases stick out to you?
- **READ:** 2 Corinthians 2:15
- What is your favorite smell? Least favorite smell?
- Of the 5 senses, why do you think Jesus used the sense of smell to describe the life of a Christian?
- Pastor Kirby gave a few things that make an 'attractive Christian' by using the acronym L.I.F.E.
 - Laughter and Joy (Luke 6:20-23)
 - Internal Attractiveness (1 Peter 3:3-4)
 - Faithfulness to God's Way (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - Endures Through Tough Times (2 Corinthians 6:3-10)
- How do you think these things are attractive to people who don't know Jesus? Maybe you don't think they are, why not? What is?
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Application Questions:

- Last week we asked you to Evaluate your friendship capacity. This week Evaluate your life as a mirror of Jesus.
- Our life is constantly being watched, what is it that others are seeing?

SERIES: How to shout without screaming

Week 2 – Shouting with Your Lifestyle

4/14/24 – Pastor Kirby

Good News: God loves you and wants a relationship with you!

Evangelism: You care about God and you care about people who don't know him

Week 2 theme: LIFESTYLE

Guiding Question: 'What happens when people take a look at your life?'

Question: Have I gone public?

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile." – Billy Sunday

Metaphor: a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.

METAPHORS JESUS USED

- **You are like SALT**

Matthew 5:13

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Salt: Preservative + Flavor enhancer

- **You are like LIGHT**

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- **You are like a FRAGRANCE**

2 Corinthians 2:15

¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

Evangelism – Caring about God and caring about those who don't know God

AN ATTRACTIVE CHRISTIAN L.I.F.E.?

L - Laughter & Joy

Luke 6:20-23 (NCV)

²⁰ Jesus looked at his followers and said,

“You people who are poor are blessed,
because the kingdom of God belongs to you.

²¹ You people who are now hungry are blessed,
because you will be satisfied.

You people who are now crying are blessed,
because you will laugh with joy.

²² “People will hate you, shut you out, insult you, and say you are evil because you follow the Son of Man. But when they do, you will be blessed. ²³ Be full of joy at that time, because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

I - Internal Attractiveness

1 Peter 3:3-4

³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

F- Faithfulness to God's way

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

E - Endures through tough times

2 Corinthians 6:3-10

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

FINAL THOUGHT

We now have an awareness that our life is constantly being watched, what is it that others are seeing?