

LESSON 8

Living our Faith

GOAL/PURPOSE: To learn how to put faith into practice and to understand that the decisions we make affect how others see Christ. The lesson's reading goes over Wesley's advice on how to live the Christian life. By following Scripture, tradition, experience, and reason, we are able to live in a way that pleases God and shows others God's power in our lives.

****Begin the class with prayer and ask students how their prayer time is coming. Are they using their list? Enjoying time with God in prayer?***

****Offer a quick review of last week's lesson or the material so far.***

ACTIVITY:

Assign a "class secretary" to write on the board. Ask students to think of their role models and describe them to the class. The secretary will write the names of the role models on the board along with characteristics of each role model. Then have the class compare these characteristics with common characteristics of role models. Next have the class name "common" role models in the world. (famous actors/actresses/models/athletes, rich men and women, etc.) Have the class contrast their every day role models with more worldly role models. (Ex. How is Grandpa Bob (wise, loving, takes me to church) different from their favorite musician?) Finally, have the class vote on the top 3 most important qualities of a role model.

NO MATERIALS NEEDED.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) What is the purpose of a role model? Why are they important?
- 2) Do you ever think of yourselves as role models? Explain.
- 3) Has Confirmation made you any more excited about living a life for Christ? Explain.
(*Encourage students to be honest!!* And if any still seem pretty unenthused about God, consider talking to them after class, praying for them, or helping them find ways to live for Christ.)
- 4) Talk through the Wesley quadrilateral, highlighting Scripture as the most important of the four guides to Christian living.
 - a. Can anyone give me some examples of how someone might use the Wesley quadrilateral to make a decision?
 - b. How do you think the Wesley quadrilateral is helpful?
 - c. How do you think the Wesley quadrilateral is difficult and/or challenging?
- 5) It says in the manual that "every decision we make matters to God." Do you think that's true? Explain why or why not.
- 6) What decisions can you make that will show others how much God matters to you?
- 7) Do you think God will help you make decisions for Him? Explain.
- 8) What does it mean for God to be "at work"/"working" in someone's life?

- 9) If you are willing to share; How is God at work in *your* life right now?
- 10) What will help you live a life for Christ? (reading the Bible, praying, serving God and others, talking to other Christians, etc.)
- 11) How do you see God in the world and in those around you?
- 12) How does that encourage you to follow Christ more closely and live a life for him?

**Finish with anything else they'd like to discuss (Go the extra mile) and then close the class in prayer.*