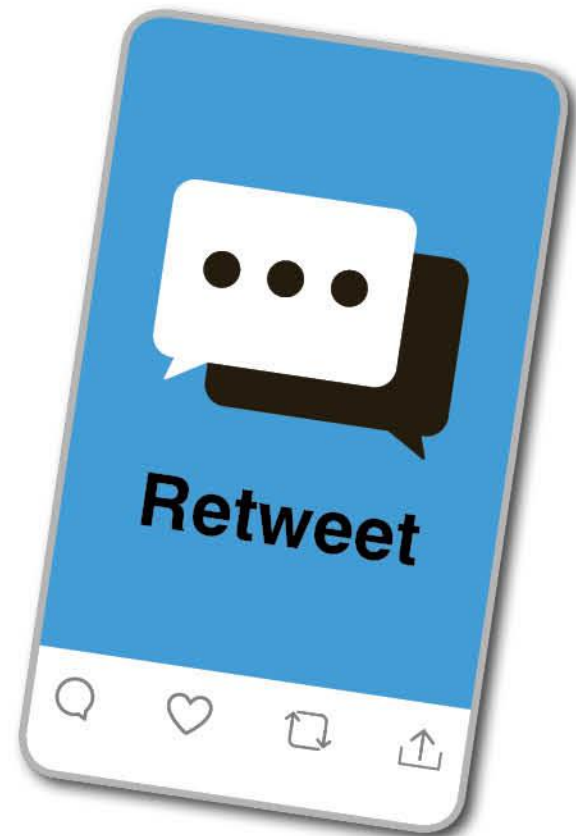


***Middle & High School
Sunday School Lesson 9
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Bible Point

*One of the greatest barriers in sharing faith is the haunting question: **What if someone asks me a question I cannot answer?***

This lesson shows how daily Bible study can help and provide a few key passages and subjects to help prepare us to be witnesses.

Bible Passages: Romans 1:16 and II Timothy 2:15

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Discussion

- As Christians we are called to be disciple makers. Why is this so important?
- What are some things that make being a witness difficult?
- Have you ever been asked a questions about the Bible that you did not know how to answer? What did you do?
- Do you follow a daily Bible reading plan? If yes, what is it? If no, why not?



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The Power of the Gospel

Read Romans 1:16

- *There is absolutely nothing that transforms us like the gospel. The gospel is more than a neat story; it is the good news of Jesus dying on the cross, being buried, and rising again to set us free.*
- *Unfortunately, many people hide their gospel experience. They are uncomfortable sharing their faith for a variety of reasons.*
- *We should not be ashamed of the gospel.*
- *If we have never witnessed before, we need to start in the Word of God.*



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A Social Revolution

Read II Timothy 2:15

- One of the biggest game changers in contemporary culture was the rise of Facebook. While there are many popular social media apps, Facebook has been the largest for a long time.*
- It is so popular because it gives us an opportunity to be “face-to-face” with people all over the world. We get to experience their daily lives, and they get to experience ours in return.*
- Much like our Facebook friends are in other cities or countries, we cannot sit down and look Jesus in the eyes. However, there is a Book that allows us to see Him “face to face” daily.*

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Getting into the Word

One of the reasons many people are insecure about sharing their faith is the simple fear they will be asked a question they do not have an answer. Perhaps the biggest reason we fear this is because we often do not spend enough time in the Bible to really understand and absorb it.

Paul told Timothy to approach the Word as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

A workman is diligent in tasks, pours great effort & energy into tasks, tries to do the best job possible instead of just doing enough to get by.

*Just like we cannot expect to do our best on a test if we have not spent time studying, **we cannot expect to be able to succeed in sharing the gospel if we do not spend time studying the Bible.***

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Tools of the Trade

Can you imagine if your job was to dig ditches for a living, but you did not have a shovel? Or if you were a carpenter, but you did not have a saw? Or if you were a Web developer and did not have a computer?

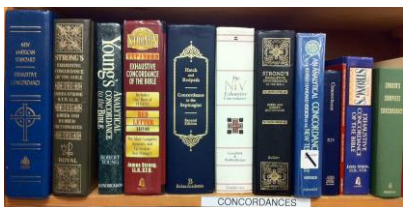
***Part of being a good workman is using the right tools.** If we have the right tools in place, we can become effective studiers of the Word, which will, in turn, equip us to effectively share the gospel.*

What are some of those tools? . . .



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Spiritual Tools

1. **Devotional Plan:** A devotional plan is simply a plan for our daily time with Jesus
2. **Bible Reading Plan:** Using a Bible reading plan is an effective way to make sure our time in the Word is focused.
3. **Dictionary & Concordance:** We should not gloss over words we do not understand. Download a dictionary & concordance or use an old-fashioned (printed) one
4. **Books:** If there is a Bible subject you want to understand better, consider reading a book on that subject.
5. **Spiritual Leadership:** Turning to a spiritual leader for answers to specific questions is very beneficial.



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Why?

Often one of the most effective tools in studying the Word is simply asking the question: Why?



When something in the Bible catches your interest, ask yourself, Why?

Examples: *Why did Jesus die on the cross? (to pay the price for my sin.)*

Why did He have to pay the price for my sin? (Without the shedding of blood there is no remission on sin.)

Why do I battle sin in the first place? (Adam's fall)

The questions go on and on and take you deeper and deeper into understanding.

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Expand

There is a saying: “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” We often have good intentions, but we do not always follow through. Based on what you have learned today make a devotional plan, including when and where you will study the Bible, how long you will pray, any tools you will use, and so on.

As God reveals things in His Word to you, you will be more prepared to share the Word with others. This does not mean you will never be asked a question you cannot answer. No matter how many times you read the Bible all the way through, you will never have all the answers. The goal of study is not to learn all there is to know; rather, the goal is to show ourselves approved unto God.



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