Beyond the Sermon

Proclaim edition

Prepared for you by the Peace Church Discipleship Team

Proclaim for the Power of our Testimony

Colossians 1:9-14



The truth we profess must be evident in the lives we live.

On your own: use these questions to prepare for your group discussion (optional)

- 1. What questions do you still have about the passage?
- 2. What are the main points, ideas, and themes in the passage?
- 3. What did you learn about God from this passage?
- 4. What did you learn about humanity from this passage?
- 5. How does this passage apply to your life right now?
- 6. What are one or two concrete ways you can live out this truth this week?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

With your group: discuss the following questions:

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QUESTION

- 1. Is our financial testimony declaring to the world that we care about their lost souls?
- 2. Do our lives demonstrate a life of discernment? If so, how? How are we encouraging a life of discernment in our children?
- 3. How has modern Christianity gotten the call to produce fruit wrong (ie- getting fired up about politics over coming to church)? How are we getting it right?
- 4. How are you living a life of gratitude in response to your salvation?
- 5. Encourage each other to share your testimony! Take a moment today to hear from 1-2 group members, hear about God's goodness in their life.

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We have started a 21-day Spiritual journey together starting October 15. This journey is critical as we prepare for the ministry we believe the Lord has called us to over the coming years.

This sermon series is entitled "Proclaim!" because, of all the things we are about at Peace Church, we proclaim the Gospel of Truth. This series is a walkthrough of Colossians chapter one, which provides the scriptural framework for our all-church spiritual journey and capital campaign. Colossians chapter one is a powerful section of scripture that is all about Jesus, his power and place in the universe, and in our lives. This series will help us prepare to follow God's call as we proclaim his message into the future that He is calling us to!

For more information on this series, head to <u>peacechurch.cc/proclaim</u>

Proclaim Week 2 Sermon Notes

1.Our lives must demonstrate discernment (v9)

The best way to stay protected by God is to stay close to God! This is what we should pray over our children, as we train our kids in the ways of righteousness. And pray that we are living lives of discernment first and foremost.

2.Our lives must produce fruit (v10-11)

Simply showing up to church and "being a nice person" is not what the Bible is talking about when it talks about fruit! We must be growing in the knowledge of God and serving faithfully.

3.Our lives must embody gratitude (v12-14)

We've been transferred from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of Light! You are who God says you are, you have been redeemed. Let us be grateful and proclaim our testimony!