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# GROWING IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



## SHARE HIM

Lesson 12 Study Notes [ABSG-2-2026]

June 13-19

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## Lesson 12 [June 13 - 19]: Understanding the Memory Text

“The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.” (Isaiah 50:4, NKJV)

- Many people around us are carrying heavy burdens.
- Some are discouraged, lonely, confused, or tired of life's struggles.
- This week's lesson reminds us that God wants His people to share His love with others.
- But before we can speak for Him, we must first learn to listen to Him.

### “The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned...”

- Jesus spoke words that brought hope, comfort, and healing.
- He always knew what people needed because He stayed close to His Father.
- God wants to teach us the same lesson.
- Sharing our faith is not about having all the answers.
- It is about allowing God to guide our words so that they can bless others.
- When we spend time with Him, He teaches us how to speak with kindness, wisdom, and love.

### “...that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary.”

- Many people are tired.
- Some are tired from sin.
- Some are tired from disappointment.
- Some are tired from carrying burdens alone.
- God often places such people in our path.
- A simple word of encouragement, a prayer, a Bible promise, or a personal testimony can help someone take a step closer to Jesus.
- The lesson reminds us that witnessing is not forcing people or arguing with them.
- It is sharing God's love at the right time and in the right spirit.

## “He awakens Me morning by morning...”

- Our **ability** to **help** others **begins** with our **own relationship** with **God**.
- **Jesus spent time** with **His Father every day**.
- Before He **spoke** to people, He **listened** to **God**.
- The **same** is **true** for us.
- If we **neglect prayer** and **Bible study**, we will have **little** to **share**. But when we **meet** with **God** each **day**, He **fills** our **hearts** with **His love** and **gives** us **strength** for **service**.

## “...He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.”

- Before **God uses** our **tongue**, He **works** on our **ears**.
- Before we **teach**, we must **learn**.
- Before we **speak**, we must **listen**.
- **God wants** us to **hear His voice** through **His Word** and through the **Holy Spirit**.
- As we **listen** to **Him**, our **hearts** become **more** like **His**. Then our **words**, **attitudes**, and **actions** will **naturally point** others to **Jesus**.

## What This Means for You

- Maybe you **feel unqualified** to **share** your **faith**.
- Maybe you **think witnessing** is **only** for **pastors** or **Bible workers**.
- This **memory text says otherwise**.
- **God** does **not** first **ask** you to be an **expert speaker**.
- He **asks** you to **spend time** with **Him**.
- As you **listen** to **Him** each **day**, He will **teach** you what to **say** and when to **say** it.
- The **people** around you may **not remember every sermon** they **hear**, but they will **remember genuine kindness, sincere love**, and a **life** that **reflects Jesus**.

## A Closing Thought

- The most **effective witness** is **not** the **person** who **knows** the **most**.
- It is the **person** who **walks closely** with **Jesus every day**.
- When **God fills** your **heart**, **His love** will **naturally flow** into your **words**, your **actions**, and your **relationships**.
- And through that **quiet influence**, He can **reach weary hearts** and **draw** them to **Himself**.

# June 13: Sabbath Afternoon - Overview

## Summary

- **Jesus** calls **every believer** to **share His love** with others.
- Our **witness** becomes **powerful** when it **flows** from a **personal relationship** with **God**.
- **People** often **notice** our **actions** before they **listen** to our **words**.
- **Every interaction** is an **opportunity** to **reflect** the **character** of **Christ**.
- **God** can **use simple acts** of kindness, **love**, and **encouragement** to **touch hearts**.
- The **Holy Spirit** **gives wisdom** to **know** when to **speak** and what to **say**.
- **Sharing Jesus** should **never** be **forced**; it should **come** from **genuine love** and **compassion**.
- **God cares deeply** for those who have **drifted away** from **Him** and **wants** them to **return**.
- Our **prayers**, **example**, and **loving influence** can **help lead** others **back** to **Christ**.
- When we **stay close** to **Jesus**, **His love** **naturally overflows** into the **lives** of those around us.
- The **goal** of **witnessing** is **not merely sharing information** but **helping people know** and **experience Jesus** for themselves.

## Main Points to Learn This Week

**Sunday:** We will **learn** that **witnessing grows** out of our **personal experience** with **Jesus**. **God's love** in our **hearts** **naturally overflows** to others.

**Monday:** We will **discover** that **sharing Jesus** should be done with **love**, **compassion**, and **respect**. **God invites** people; He **never forces** them.

**Tuesday:** We will **learn practical** ways to **share** our **faith** with **family**, **friends**, and **neighbors**. **Simple acts** of **kindness** can **open doors** for **witnessing**.

**Wednesday:** We will **study God's love** for those who have **wandered away** from **Him**. There is **always hope** for those who seem **far** from the **Lord**.

**Thursday:** We will **learn** how our **prayers**, **example**, and **Christlike character** can **help bring** others **back** to **God**. A **loving life** is one of the **strongest witnesses** for **Jesus**.

As we **study** this week's **lesson**, may **God fill** our **hearts** with **His love** and **teach** us how to **share Him** through our **words**, **actions**, and **daily lives**.

# June 14: Sunday - Out of the Overflow

Read: Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 14:6-12; Acts 1:8; 4:13, 20; 1 John 4:7-11

## Summary

- **Jesus** has given **every believer** the **mission** of **making disciples** and **sharing** the **gospel**.
- **Jesus** has **all authority**, and He **promises** to be **with** us **always** as we **serve Him**.
- Many **people** **think witnessing** is **only** for **pastors**, **evangelists**, or **outgoing people**. The **Bible teaches otherwise**.
- **Witnessing begins** with a **personal relationship** with **Jesus**.
- We **share Jesus best** when we **talk** about what **He** has **done** in our **own lives**.
- The **disciples** were **ordinary people**. They were **not highly educated**, but **people** could **see** that they had been **with Jesus**.
- **Peter** and **John** **spoke** with **courage** because they **knew Jesus personally** and had **experienced His power**.
- The **Holy Spirit** **gave** them **boldness** and **helped** their **words touch hearts**.
- We do **not need** to **know everything** before we can **witness**. We **simply share** what we have **seen**, **heard**, and **experienced** with **God**.
- The **more** we **love Jesus**, the **harder** it becomes to **keep quiet** about **Him**.
- **God** **places** people in our **lives every day** who **need encouragement**, **hope**, and **truth**.
- We should **pray** for **wisdom** to **know** when to **speak**, what to **say**, and how to **show Christ's love**.
- **True witnessing** is the **overflow** of a **heart** that is **growing closer** to **Jesus**.

**Question:** How can I be a **witness** for **Jesus** in my **daily life**?

**Answer:** **Spend time** with **Jesus every day** and **share** with others what **He** is **doing** in your **life**. Let your **words**, **actions**, and **love** **point** people to **Him**.

**Reflection:** If someone **spent time** with me today, would they be able to **tell** that I have been **with Jesus**?

**Takeaway:** When we **stay close** to **Jesus**, **His love** **fills** our **hearts** and **naturally flows** out to others. **Witnessing** is **not** about being an **expert**; it is about **sharing** the **Jesus** we **know** and **love**.

## June 15: Monday - Unforced but With Power

**Read:** Matt. 9:36; 2 Cor 5:14; Jer 20:9; Gen 2:16-17; 7:1; Deut 4:29-31; Matt 4:23-25; 23:37; Rev 12:11; 2 Peter 3:18

### Summary

- **Jesus** was moved by **love** and **compassion** for people. This **love motivated** everything He did.
- **God** wants that same **love** to **fill** our **hearts** so that we **care** about the **salvation** of others.
- Sometimes **God places** a **burden** on our **hearts** for people who do not **know** Him. Like **Jeremiah**, we may **feel** that we **cannot keep silent** about what **God** has done for us.
- **Witnessing** is **not** about **forcing** people to **believe**. **God** has always **respected human freedom**.
- Throughout **Bible** history, **God invited** people to **follow** Him, but He **never forced** them.
- **Jesus healed, helped, taught, and loved** people first, then **invited** them to **follow** Him.
- Our way of **witnessing** should **reflect** the **character** of **Jesus**—**kind, patient, loving, and respectful**.
- Trying to **pressure, control, or force** people into **accepting truth** does **not reflect God's spirit**.
- **Personal testimony** is one of the most **powerful** ways to **witness**. People are often **touched** by **hearing** what **Jesus** has done in our **lives**.
- As we **grow closer** to **Jesus**, **His grace** and **truth** become **visible** in our **words, attitudes, and actions**.
- **Witnessing** becomes **natural** when our **hearts** are **full** of **God's love**. We **share** because we **care, not** because we are **forced**.

**Question:** How should we **share Jesus** with others?

**Answer:** We should **share Jesus** with **love, kindness, and respect**, just as He did. We **invite** people to **follow** Him, but we **never force** them.

**Reflection:** Am I **sharing Jesus** because I **love** people, or simply because I **feel** it is my **duty**?

**Takeaway:** **God's love** in our **hearts** should **naturally flow** out to others. When we **stay close** to **Jesus**, **sharing** Him becomes an **unforced** but **powerful** part of our **daily lives**.

# June 16: Tuesday - Tips for Sharing Jesus

**Read:** Isaiah 50:4; 1 Peter 3:8-15

## Summary

- God calls **every believer** to **share Jesus** with **others**, and He **promises** to give us **wisdom** and the **right words** to **speak**.
- We should **always** be **ready** to **explain** why we **believe** in **Jesus** and why we have **hope** in Him.
- **Sharing** Jesus often **begins** by building **genuine friendships** with **people**.
- **Kindness, warmth, compassion, humility, and respect** can help **open** hearts to **God**.
- **Prayer** is **essential**. We should **pray** for the **Holy Spirit** to **work** in **people's hearts** and **create opportunities** to **share** our **faith**.
- **Personal testimonies** are **powerful**. **Sharing** what **God** has **done** in our **lives** can **encourage** others to **seek** Him.
- We should be **bold** in **sharing** our **faith**, but **always** **gentle** and **respectful** in our **approach**.
- **Connecting** people with a **loving church family** can **help** them **grow** in their **relationship** with **God**.
- The **Bible** provides **answers, comfort, guidance, and hope**. Sometimes **sharing** one **Bible promise** can make a **big difference**.
- **Spiritual growth** is a **process**. We should **not rush** people, but **patiently** allow **God** to **lead** them **step by step**.
- Our **actions** often speak **louder** than our **words**. The way we **live** should **reflect** the **character** of **Jesus**.
- As we **grow closer** to **Christ**, our lives naturally become a **witness** that **draws others** to Him.

**Question:** What are some **practical ways** to **share Jesus** with **others**?

**Answer:** Build **friendships**, **pray** for **people**, **share** your **personal experience** with **Jesus**, **speak kindly** about your **faith**, and let your **actions** **reflect His love**.

**Reflection:** Do my **words, attitudes, and actions** **make it easier** for **others** to **see Jesus** in my **life**?

**Takeaway:** **Sharing Jesus** is **not** just about what we **say**. It is about **loving** people, **praying** for them, and **allowing Christ's character** to **shine** through us **every day**.

# June 17: Wednesday - A Wandering Child

**Read:** Hosea 4:17; Hosea 7; Jeremiah 31:15-20

## Summary

- **Ephraim**, representing **God's people**, **drifted away** from the **Lord** and became **attached** to **sin** and **idolatry**.
- Instead of **trusting God**, the **people** followed their own **desires** and **continually rebelled** against **Him**.
- Their **choices** brought **spiritual weakness**, **confusion**, and **separation** from **God**.
- **Rachel's sorrow** over her **wandering children** **reflects** the **pain** many **parents**, **family members**, and **friends** feel when **loved ones leave** the **Lord**.
- **God acknowledged Rachel's tears** and **assured** her that there was still **hope** for the **future**.
- **God promised** that the **wandering children** could **return** and be **restored**.
- **Ephraim** eventually **recognized** his **mistakes**, **repented**, and **desired** to **return** to **God**.
- **True repentance** begins when we **admit** our **wrongs**, **turn away** from **sin**, and **seek** the **Lord** again.
- Even when **people walk away** from **God**, He does **not stop loving** them or **seeking** to **bring** them **back**.
- **God's compassion** is **greater** than our **failures**. **His heart** still **yearns** for **every wandering child** to **return**.
- Instead of **giving up** on **loved ones** who have **drifted away**, we should **continue praying**, **loving**, **encouraging**, and **trusting God** to **work** in their **lives**.
- No one is **beyond God's reach**. As long as there is **life**, there is **hope** for **restoration**.

**Question:** What does **Ephraim's story** teach us about **people** who **wander away** from **God**?

**Answer:** It teaches us that although **people** may **drift away** from **God**, He **never stops loving** them. He continues to **call** them **back**, and there is **always hope** when they **choose** to **repent** and **return**.

**Reflection:** Do I still have **hope** and **pray faithfully** for **loved ones** who have **wandered away** from **God**?

**Takeaway:** **God never gives up** on **His wandering children**. **His love**, **mercy**, and **compassion** **continue** to **call** them **home**, and we should **never stop praying** for their **return**.

# June 18: Thursday - Bring Them Back

**Read:** Zechariah 10; Luke 22:31-32; John 21:15-17; Ephesians 3:17-19

## Summary

- **God promises** to **gather**, **restore**, **strengthen**, and bring **His people** back to Himself.
- Even when **God's people** wander away, He does **not** forget them or stop **seeking** them.
- **God's** desire is **not** to **condemn** the lost but to **save** and **restore** them.
- Many people have **loved ones** who have **drifted away** from **God**, bringing **sadness** and **helplessness**.
- Instead of focusing on **past mistakes**, we should place them in **God's hands**.
- **Jesus prayed** for **Peter** when his **faith** was weak and later **restored** him. This shows the **power of prayer**.
- Our **influence** can help bring others back to **God**. How we **speak**, **act**, and **treat** people matters.
- A **loving**, **patient**, and **Christlike** attitude often speaks **louder** than **arguments**.
- Time spent with **Jesus** fills our **hearts** with **His love** and helps us **relate** to others as **He** does.
- **God** calls us to **reflect His character** by showing **grace**, **kindness**, **patience**, and **compassion**.
- Through our **lives**, others should see the **peace**, **hope**, and **love** that come only from **Christ**.
- **God's love** for wandering children **never changes**, and He invites us to **share** that same **love** with them.

**Question:** How can we help **bring back** someone who has **wandered away** from **God**?

**Answer:** We can **pray** for them, **love** them, be **patient** with them, and **reflect Christ's character** in our daily lives. **God** often uses a **loving** Christian example to draw people **back** to Him.

**Reflection:** Do my **words**, **actions**, and **attitude** make it easier for others to see **God's love** and return to Him?

**Takeaway:** **God never stops seeking** His **wandering** children. As we **stay close** to **Jesus**, He can use our **prayers**, **love**, and **example** to help bring them back.

## June 19: Friday - Further Thought

**Read:** Isaiah 55:11; Christ's Object Lessons, p. 384; Evangelism, p. 356; The Acts of the Apostles, p. 105; The Desire of Ages, p. 142; Education, p. 264

### Summary

- **Genuine witnessing** begins with a **personal relationship** with **Jesus**.
- We cannot effectively **share God's love** with others if **His love** is not first filling our own **hearts**.
- **Christ's love** in our hearts **naturally produces** love for others.
- **Love** is the **foundation** of effective **witnessing**. People are drawn to **Christ** when they see **His character** reflected in our lives.
- Working to win **souls strengthens** our own **spirituality** and **devotion**.
- Active service helps us grow **stronger** in **faith** and better resist **temptation**.
- **Sharing** in **Christ's work** allows us to **experience His joy** as we see **lives transformed** by **His grace**.
- **Witnessing** is **more than** sharing doctrines; it is helping people **know** and **follow Jesus**.
- Before people accept **biblical truth**, they often need to see **Christ's love** demonstrated through our **actions**.
- We should be **intentional**, **prayerful**, and **thoughtful** in sharing **Jesus** with others.
- **God promises** that **His Word** will **accomplish** its purpose, even when results are not immediately visible.
- A **heart** filled with **God's love** will **naturally overflow** in **service** and **witness**.

**Question:** Why is **God's love essential** in **witnessing**?

**Answer:** Because **true witnessing** flows from a **heart** filled with **Christ's love**. When we **experience His love** personally, we will **naturally** want others to **know Him** too.

**Reflection:** Is **Christ's love overflowing** from my **life** in a way that helps others **see Jesus**?

**Takeaway:** The **closer** we **walk** with **Jesus**, the **more naturally His love** will **flow** through us, **leading** others to **Him**.