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ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *May 20-25, 2024*

This week's devotionals are adapted from those originally used during the "Come and See" sermon series in June 2019.

INTRODUCTION

Most of us wound up at church because someone invited us. That dynamic has been in place since the earliest days of the church. People are drawn into relationship with Jesus when someone invites them to "come and see." Over the past two thousand years, the church - the life-changing, world-altering movement kicked off by Jesus - has grown and grown because when we experience something great, we invite others to experience it too.

Monday: Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus makes a bold prediction in this passage when he says that he will build his church and nothing will ever stop it. When you hear the word "church" do you tend to think of a *place* or *people*? What factors have shaped the way you view the church?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus tells us that, as his followers, our role is to be 'salt and light' in the world. What are some practical ways that you are salt and light in the lives of people in your circle of influence?

Wednesday: Acts 16:16-34

While in jail, Paul and Silas were able to share their faith with a Roman jailer who accepted Christ as his savior. Talk about a person God placed in your life in order to draw you into relationship with him. In what ways did that person's influence provide you with protection and direction?

Thursday: Jonah 3

God asked Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh to tell the people to repent of their wicked ways and turn to God. Jonah didn't initially go to Nineveh because he thought they were too evil to repent. Have you ever been around people who seemed so far from God that being salt and light in their lives felt like a waste of time? What did you do? What happened?

Friday: Psalm 14:1, Proverbs 14:16-17, Proverbs 19:1

In what area of life are you tempted to be foolish? What is one thing you can do to better position your light for maximum influence on the people around you?

MOVING FORWARD

There is a difference between your faith being *personal* and your faith being *private*. A relationship with Jesus is deeply personal, but it's not meant to be hidden. That's because other people come and see Jesus for themselves, and they enter into a deeply personal relationship with him, when they see others' relationships with him. We've been given a tremendous opportunity to be a living example - to point others toward a Savior who loves them.