

A WINNING FAITH: A WINSOME FAITH

Use this guide for personal or small group study.

REFLECT >>>

1. Describe what a winsome faith looks like to you.

2. Beyond your salvation, what is the purpose of your faith?

3. What do you think God expects of a faith-filled life?

READ YOUR BIBLE >>>

- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Matthew 9:9-13

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE >>>

1. Jesus was a Jewish Rabbi; Matthew a hated tax collector. What can we learn about a winsome faith from Jesus' interaction with Matthew?

7. Describe how you are “God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

God’s work in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a gift of amazing grace. A gift that transforms sinners to saints, wretched to redeemed and lost to found. As saving grace takes a hold of a person’s life, faith is born. Faith moves a person to take up the call Jesus extends to follow Him and the flame of faith is fanned, growing ever brighter and stronger. Faith eventually grows and matures into a winsome faith. A faith that has as its main goal the desire to reach out to others who are searching or lost, to point them towards Jesus, God’s gift of amazing grace. If you are a beneficiary of God’s grace, fan the flame of your faith by following Jesus and listening to Him. Model His example. Develop a winsome faith that reaches out to the searching and lost.

Who do you know that is searching for God? How might you approach them with a winsome faith?

PRAY >>>

Lord Jesus, I am thankful for Your saving work on the cross to redeem me. A gift of pure grace. I am Yours, Lord, and I am committed to following You with my whole life. Use me Lord. I ask for Your help in developing a winsome faith that drives me to be and become like Your Son whose heart beat for sinners and the searching. Make my heart beat in the same way, Lord, that I will look for ways to share the Good News of what You mean to me with others. With a joyful heart my faith looks up to You, O Lord. Amen.