

# Shine

## Sermon Study Guide

### This Week:

Date: November 10 & 11

Speaker: Harvey Matchullis

Sermon: Made to Witness



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Read the Scripture



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### Opening Questions

- What did you think about the video before the sermon?
- Have you ever seen “witnessing” of the Christian faith done in a coercive or forceful manner? How did you react or feel to that?

### Read Together

Matthew 10:32-42

### Discussion Questions

1. Harvey asked, “Is Jesus real enough for me that I will acknowledge him regardless of the reaction I get? Will I stand up even against opposition or ridicule for His sake”? Have you ever been in this situation, where you had to choose to stand up for your faith or not? Describe that moment.
2. Have you ever had people think you’re crazy or misguided when you shared your faith with them? How do you handle that? How should we respond in that situation?
3. How have you seen people dilute the message of Jesus and make Him more palpable to others? Have you ever done that? What is an example of this?
4. **The Gospel is divisive.**
  - What is it about the Gospel message that is divisive?
  - Have you felt the divisiveness of the Gospel in your marriage? Family? Friends? Workplace?
5. **The Gospel is attractive.**
  - What is it about the Gospel message that is attractive?
  - When you first came to know and have faith in Jesus, what was it about Him that was attractive? What drew you to Him?
6. Harvey stated, “You don’t fear people if you know their story... you will grow in love for them”. Have you ever experienced this with someone?
7. Grab a pen and paper. Spread out around the home if you want. Individually, spend time in quiet, listening prayer. Each asking the following questions to God one at a time, listening for His voice, and writing down what He says to you:
  - “Jesus, do you have supremacy in my heart?”
  - “Jesus, am I being obedient to you?”
  - “Jesus, am I accepting the brokenness I see in others, loving them fully, completely and authentically?”
  - “Jesus, how can I be more hospitable to those around me? Is there a specific person?”
8. Gather together again and share what God spoke to you. Pray for each person after they have shared.

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### *Challenge*

In your time of listening prayer, the Holy Spirit has likely brought to you a challenge. **What is it for you?** Have one person in the group write them down and email it out to everyone. Pray for each other through the week, and ask how it is going next time you meet!

### *Next Step*

- Harvey mentioned that “*you must know what you believe about Jesus Christ*” Do you know the Gospel (Romans 10:14-17)? If you were asked to convey the Gospel to another, would you know where to start?
- Consider as an **individual**, reading the book “*The Faith*” by Charles Colson, or “*The Purpose Driven Life*” by Rick Warren.
- Consider as a **group**, doing the “*Doctrine*” study by Mark Driscoll, or the “*Foundations*” DVD study by Saddleback Church.

Talk to Ryan (rbrammer@rockpointe.ca) for information on any of these resources

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