Clearly: As I Should (Walt White) March 8, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)

CLEARLY: AS I SHOULD

- 1. What were the needs/questions in my heart that drove me to Jesus?
- 2. What are the needs/questions in the hearts of the people in my circle of influence?
- 3. What can I do to ask the right questions?

Questions:

- 1. Who had the greatest influence on your coming into a relationship with Christ? What did they do? Why do you think it was effective?
- 2. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). Discuss what stood out to you. Do you have any questions to bring up?
- 3. What are the main hindrances that hold you back from sharing the gospel with others?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 - a) Does it surprise you that Paul was fearful when he brought the gospel to people?
 - b) What was the focus of Paul's message?
 - c) What was the style of Paul's message?
 - d) What demonstration accompanied Paul's message? What do you think this looked like?
 - e) Why is it important that people see God's power at work for themselves?
 - f) Is it possible to help people experience God's power? If so, how? And are there any pitfalls to avoid?
- 5. Paul also often spoke of his personal testimony (for example, see Acts 26:1-23). Why are personal testimonies important?
- 6. What story or stories do you have to share with others that could help them put their faith in God?
- 7. Read Ephesians 6:19-20.
 - a) What two things did Paul ask for prayer about?
 - b) How often do you ask people to pray for you regarding your effectiveness in sharing your faith with others?
- 8. Read Mark 13:10-11. What can God's people depend on the Holy Spirit to help us with?
- 9. Read Acts 4:29-31. Here the believers have been threatened not speak about Jesus. In response, they turn to God in prayer.
 - a) What did they pray that God would enable them to do?
 - b) What did they ask God to stretch out His hand to do? Why would they pray for this?
 - c) What happened to them as a result of their prayer?
 - d) Do you think that this type of prayer would be answered by God today?
- 10. Now spend some time praying for each other. Pray according to the Scriptures in this lesson.