

Session 4: WDJJ?

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment.

Food for Thought

In the popular movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, it seems that the filmmakers valued the golden ark rather than what it contained. The ark held God's Law, the Ten Commandments; the ark was merely an extravagant golden wrapper for the valuable contents. God *loves* His Law. It's a revelation of His moral character. Its very presence within Israel brought them victory in their battles. However, one day an exuberant King David had the ark brought to Jerusalem on a cart. When the oxen that were pulling the cart stumbled, and the ark was about to fall, Uzzah put out his hand to steady the ark ... and God killed him. This was because David had not obeyed the instruction on *how* to transport the ark. The priests were supposed to carry it on poles. In his zeal without knowledge, David had it put on a cart thinking that would be acceptable to God – but his error had terrible consequences.

When it comes to evangelism, it seems that for the last hundred years we've had zeal without knowledge, and our evangelistic effort has been very shaky. But we must not try to steady the modern method to help it along. Instead, we should understand that we haven't done things according to God's pattern. There is a right way and a wrong way to present the gospel, and we're suffering the terrible consequences of not doing it God's way. So let's make sure we follow the pattern of Holy Scripture. If the teachings of this study aren't biblical, they should quickly be discarded. However, if they are biblical, they should instantly be adopted.

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Discussion

1. Do you feel inadequate or inferior when it comes to sharing your faith? Why?
2. What promises of God can help you in your inadequacies?
3. What is the first thing you must learn to do to get your feet wet? Why is this so difficult?
4. What is the first "steppingstone"? Could you ask someone this "steppingstone" question (after you have brought up the subject of spiritual things)?

5. What is the second steppingstone? Would you find this question difficult to ask?
6. What is the third steppingstone?
7. What is the fourth?
8. What should you remember about the tone of your voice and your body language?
9. At what point in the conversation should you share the gospel?

Out of the Comfort Zone Activity

Before the next session, speak to three non-Christian friends or coworkers and say, "I'm taking a course at church and as homework I have to ask some friends if they've had a Christian or other spiritual background. Can you help me with this?" If they're open, ask them for details. Just listen and write down their answers. After they explain their upbringing, thank them for their help and carry on a friendly conversation as you normally would.

Don't feel pressured to share the gospel at this point. This exercise is simply for you to ask people this question, and listen to the answers. However, if you feel led to share your faith, follow God's leading.

Close in Prayer