

# Session 1: The Firefighter

## Open in Prayer

## Food for Thought

Thank you for caring about people and their eternal salvation. Two thousand years ago, Jesus said to His disciples that the laborers were few. They still are few in number, but by wanting to learn how you can reach the lost, you obviously want to change that. Pay careful attention to this teaching, especially to the heartbreaking story of the firefighter. Be sure to make a judgment about what his punishment should be – and write it down as you watch the video. May God bless your journey into *The Way of the Master*.

## View the Video    The Firefighter

## Discussion

1. How did you react as you heard the firefighter's story? Did you feel a sense of outrage? Why or why not? What did the firefighter do that was wrong?
2. Can you think of any justification for his lack of concern? Do you think the fire chief was justified in dishonorably discharging him from the fire department? What sentence did *you* give the firefighter?
3. What is the primary reason the Church exists on the earth? How will this differ from what it will be doing in heaven?
4. According to Bill Bright, what percentage of Christians actively share their faith with others? What do you think are the main reasons the vast majority don't share their faith?
5. Have you been playing the part of the firefighter, by failing to share your faith with those around you? How does that make you feel?
6. Who are the people whose salvation you are most concerned about? What are you doing about it?
7. How can prayer be a substitute for obedience?
8. With whom do you find it more difficult to share your faith: your family and friends, or complete strangers?
9. Did you find it helpful to see someone on the program witnessing?

10. How would you describe your current attitude about the fate of those who are not born again: a) unconcerned; b) concerned; c) alarmed; d) horrified?
11. Do you feel well-equipped to share your faith?
12. What did you think of the conversation with the teenager at the end of the program?

### **Out of the Comfort Zone Activity**

Call two Christians and say, "I'm taking an evangelism course, and as part of the homework I have to ask a friend a few questions. Can you help me with this?"

Ask each person the following questions:

1. Do you share your faith regularly? Do you go out of your way to verbally share the gospel with strangers?
2. If not, why not?
3. What is the biggest reason you don't share your faith more often?

Write down their answers and bring them to the next session.

### **Close in Prayer**