



Living Light: Session 1- Purpose over Popularity
Exodus 2:1-10; Acts 5:27-41; Hebrews 11:24-28
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SERIES INTRODUCTION

Living Light! - In this series we will see how we can *continue* to live our lives in alignment with the invitation that Jesus has given us walk in the yoke with Him. Jesus continues to call us: “*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*” Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV).

MAIN POINT: Living light is to live in the fear of the Lord rather than the insufferable weight of the fear of man. Living light is living for God’s glory rather than being glory thieves.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever served on a disaster relief team? When and where?

Have you ever experienced an emergency situation in which you needed rescuing? What was it like? How did others help you?

Have you ever been the one who helped rescue someone? Describe your experience.

UNDERSTANDING

Exodus 1:15-17 and 1:22–2:10.

What do Pharaoh’s and the midwives’ choices reveal about them? How did their attitudes about life relate to their belief in and about God?

Verse 21 tells us that the Hebrew midwives feared God. How did their fear compare with Pharaoh’s?

Based upon the actions of Moses’ mother, sister and the midwives; how did they demonstrate purpose over popularity? What is the difference in civil obedience and disobedience?

What are some events that you have seen God accomplish His purpose through the least likely of people or events? Why do we remember these things? How do they impact our lives?

Acts 5:27-41.

What does the Sanhedrin accuse the apostles of in verse 28?

What assertions in Peter's response would arouse their fury (vv. 29-32)?

What stands out to you about Peter's response to the accusations he faced? What is the application for us in ministry today?

Flogging sometimes resulted in death. Why do you think the disciples considered it worthy rejoicing that they suffered in Jesus' name?

Hebrews 11:1,23-40.

There is an expression that says, "Feed your faith and starve your fears." How did Moses and Rahab live this out? What other experiences from verses 32-37 stand out to you as examples of this?

What does it mean to you that not all these people of faith met with "success"? What does this tell you about the life of faith? Do you find this encouraging or discouraging? Why?

What is the good news for us in these verses? How does that truth impact your faith?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

What is one situation where you need to "feed your faith and starve your fears"?

Name at least one way you have been blessed by believing without seeing.

Who is someone who needs you to show mercy as they right now struggle with doubts? What is challenging about that? What is one way you can do it?

Share how today's discussion has encouraged you to live less for the popularity of the world and for the purpose of God. What needs to change in your life for this desire to remain?