



Hidden Person, Hidden Heart.
Jim Burgen, Week 3 - October 23, 2022

// Bible References: Read 1 Peter 3:15; John 9:1-33

// Community Question: What does it take to get a campfire:

- 1) Started
- 2) Burning hotter and hotter
- 3) Extinguished? If you don't want it to go out, what things do you do or not do?

// Discussion Questions:

1. Jim reviewed the past 2 week's sermon and stated that as Christians, we might feel like we stick out. What is a way that you feel like that some days?
2. Is it troublesome if we don't stick out? Why or why not?
3. We are called to honor and sanctify God and Jesus in our Hearts. What does that mean and how do we do that?
4. Just like our campfire analogy above, what specific things should we do or not do to keep the fire for Jesus in our heart burning?
5. 1 Peter 3: 15 states, *"always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"*
If someone asked you why you were a Christian, what would you say?
How does "do it with gentleness and respect" impact what we should say or how we should say it?
6. The blind man in John 9, after being interrogated by the religious leaders of the time, had his concluding statement: this one thing I know – I once was blind but now I see.
Simple but powerful. What would your "I once was blind but now I see" statement be?

I once was _____, but now _____ .

// Challenge: Have one person (group leader) do this or use it for homework –

Be prepared to share your story. Write it down and then practice it with a “safe” person so it becomes more like telling a story rather than a rehearsed speech.

Some questions to answer that might help you get your thoughts together:

Before

1. Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?
2. What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

How

1. What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?
2. Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel.

After

1. Give an example of how God met your needs, either physical or emotional, since you accepted Jesus.
2. Share about what part of your relationship with God your most grateful for today



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