Care Reflection & Study Notes



3.5 Tools for You

Purpose

To provide some practical ideas and some biblical principles for reaching Jewish people.

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 5-7, 1 John 3:11-14 – God's way is love <u>1 John 3:18</u> – What we do as well as what we say matters <u>Proverbs 15:1</u>, <u>Colossians 4:6</u>, <u>James 3:9-10</u> – Words are important <u>Romans 12:1</u> – Our whole lives should model Gospel love

Scenario Questions

- 1) A Jewish friend of yours is meeting you for coffee. They know you are a believer and your conversation turns to religion. They express that they could never believe in God because 'where was God during the holocaust?' How could you lovingly respond? Think about your body language, tone of voice and the amount of words you use to respond to them. In the compassion of the Lord, how might you reply?
- 2) You are helping out one afternoon as part of an evangelistic book table that your church is doing in the town centre. A Jewish gentleman stops by and seems insistent that it is Christianity and religions in general that cause all of the problems in this world. How might you point this man towards the words and actions of Yeshua?
- 3) You meet a Jewish relative of yours. You agree that because it's been a while, they should come round for dinner. You know they might be open to the Gospel. In what ways could you show the love of Yeshua in your actions and words throughout the evening?
- 4) Your Jewish work colleague is always criticising Jesus and the Bible. He has a cousin who is a messianic Jew who has been sharing Yeshua with him. You are aware that the Holy Spirit is doing a work in this man's heart. What words would you use to explain to this man that Yeshua came for relationships and not for religion? How might you affirm his Jewishness whilst explaining the Gospel?
- 5) Your Jewish neighbours always blank you when they see you coming out of your house. What are some actions and attitudes that you could adopt that might show love and perhaps initiate conversations?

Summary

In this segment of videos, we've seen that; there is a strong Jewish narrative of remembering, owning our Christian past can help pave the way for future engagements, using appropriate words in appropriate ways is key and that we can show our love through our listening. Let us be people who show real love as we speak about Yeshua.

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