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EQUIPPED TO WIN | EPISODE 7: WIN YOUR WORLD

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

We all have a spiritual map that brought us to where we are today. Someone in our life told us about Jesus. We each are called to Win our World and designed by God to share Jesus in our own unique way.

CONNECT

Who has had the most influence on your faith journey? How did they impact you?

PROTECT

Pray that God will give you a burden to win your world to Jesus. Ask God to remove your fears about sharing your faith with others.

GROW

1. What challenges do you have when talking about your faith?
2. Describing the 4 components of the Gospel message (God, Sin, Jesus, Faith) as 4 Treasure Boxes comes from Matthew 13:44. Here, Jesus describes the Kingdom of God as a found treasure. Below are some example verses that tie in with each theme. Discuss the verses with your group.

Hebrews 11:3, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Genesis 1:27	God
Romans 6:23, Isaiah 53:6, Genesis 3:17	Sin
1 John 4:14, John 3:16-18	Jesus
Ephesians 2:6-9, Colossians 1:21-22, Revelation 21:1-5	Faith

3. Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-17. What are ways that you can naturally use scripture in evangelism?
4. Francis Fenelon wrote this challenging quote, "God has little patience for those weak souls who say to themselves, 'I shall go this far and no further.'" Where in your world have you created a "comfort zone" where you would tell God, "I will go no further"?

PRAY

Share the names of some people in your world who are far from God and take turns praying for those people to experience the love of Jesus.

EPISODE 7: MIDWEEK MEDITATION

MANY NEW CHRISTIANS ARE SURPRISED WHEN THEY LEARN THAT "CHRIST" IS NOT JESUS'S LAST NAME. THE WORD "CHRIST" MEANS THE "MESSIAH," OR "THE ANOINTED ONE." IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, KINGS WERE ANOINTED WITH OIL AS A PART OF THEIR ENTHRONEMENT. SO, WHEN WE SAY JESUS CHRIST, WE REALLY MEAN, JESUS THE CHRIST. HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE TRULY ANOINTED ONE. JESUS IS A KING. HE IS THE KING OF KINGS. HE IS THE KING OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

A POPULAR THEOLOGICAL WORD FOR DESCRIBING THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF JESUS'S LIFE AND MINISTRY IS THE GREEK WORD KERYGMA (PRONOUNCED KERR-IG-MAH). KERYGMA IS CONNECTED TO THE WORD KERUSSO, WHICH MEANS PREACHING OR PROCLAIMING. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IT MEANS TO HERALD A KING. IN ANCIENT TIMES, WHEN A NEW KING WAS ANNOUNCED, OR A ROYAL DECISION WAS MADE, A PERSON WOULD GO THROUGHOUT THE KING'S TERRITORY AND LOUDLY DECLARE THE NEWS. SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL, ABOUT PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL, WE ARE DECLARING TO PEOPLE THAT JESUS IS OUR KING.

WE HERALD THE KING OF KINGS TO OUR WORLD. ONE MORE GREEK WORD AND ONE ARAMAIC WORD FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT CAN HELP YOU THINK OF WHAT WE ARE HERALDING.

THE ARAMAIC WORD MARANATHA (1 COR 16:22) TRANSLATES AS "OUR LORD, COME!" WE HAVE THE HONOR OF TELLING PEOPLE THAT THE KING HAS COME AND HE'S COMING AGAIN. AND FINALLY, THRIAMBEUŌ (2 CORINTHIANS 2:14) TRANSLATES AS "TRIUMPH." PAUL HERE REFERS TO A ROMAN CUSTOM, THE TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION, THAT TAKES PLACE AFTER A BATTLE VICTORY. SO, IF YOU GET STRESSED THINKING ABOUT EVANGELISM, YOU CAN REIMAGINE YOUR MESSAGE. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT JESUS, YOU GET TO PREACH THE KERGYMA AND SHARE MARANTHA AND THRIAMBEUŌ.

IN OTHER WORDS: **OUR LORD JESUS, OUR KING, IS COMING, AND HE HAS WON THE VICTORY.**

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. READ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23. PAUL DID MANY THINGS TO TRY TO WIN HIS WORLD. WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN DO TO TRY TO WIN YOUR WORLD SPECIFICALLY?

2. WHO IS ONE PERSON THAT YOU CAN "HERALD THE KING" TO?

TAKE A STEP:

FOR THIS WEEK'S STEP, USE THE SPACE PROVIDED TO WRITE THE 4 TREASURE BOXES AND FIND 1 VERSE FOR EACH. THEN, PRAY FOR YOUR ONE, THAT ONE PERSON FROM REFLECTION QUESTION 2, THAT YOU CAN SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH.