

Different

Different from the World

February 1, 2012

Overview Being “different” is an important idea for Christians — but what does it really mean? Why are we different, and more importantly what makes us different? Do we need to work harder to be different? What do we use to measure how successful we are at being different? This lesson will help us unpack what it means to be different because of Christ by (1) Understanding that we are free from world standards rather than controlled by them, (2) We are called to live a transformed life instead of following a checklist life, (3) We are called to live like Christ not like death.

- Questions**
- What do you think it means to be in the world but not of the world?
 - What do you think “the world” is living for? What should Christians live for? How should that make us different?
 - Do you see your Christian life more as a changed life or a checklist life? Why? Is that the way the Christian life is supposed to be?

More Than Words

February 8, 2012

Overview Jesus called Christians to be salt and light to the world. But what does that mean. In this session we want to help students understand what it means to be salt and light by exploring those two metaphors and then help them identify how they can walk the fine line between living in the world and not being of the world.

- Questions**
- What does it meant to be salt and light in the world?
 - Has anyone ever told you that you make life better for them, that you make them desire Christ more or that you have kept them from doing something harmful to themselves? If, so share that experience. If not, why do you think you’ve never heard those things?

Equal Words, Equal Actions

February 15, 2012

Overview One of the Jesus’ toughest sayings reveals that being different from the world requires us as Christians to make sure that our words equal our actions — we need to live lives of consistency and integrity. This lesson is not meant to disqualify students from their eternal reward; it is meant to help students examine their heart, words, and actions so they will live with integrity.

- Questions**
- Share an experience with hypocrisy in your own life (maybe your own hypocrisy or someone else’s). What bothered you most about that experience?
 - Do you think that there’s a lot of hypocrisy in the church? Why or why not?
 - How can we keep ourselves from living out hypocrisy in our lives?

Table Talk

