

Champions Arise Study Guide

Series: The Four Priorities

Priority #4 – A personal, progressive commitment to the work of Christ in the world

Program #CA 40 (TFP4) – The Christian Lifestyle

Focus passage – John 15:20, *“Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.”*

1) Have you ever received a negative response from someone because you are a Christian?

2) How did the apostles respond to persecution?

“The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: ‘Jesus is the Messiah.’” Acts 5:41-42

3) What was the first Christian Lifestyle that was discussed? What are two problems that can happen with this lifestyle?

1. _____

2. _____

4) What was the second type of Christian Lifestyle that was discussed? What is a problem that can happen with this lifestyle?

1. _____

5) What is the most effective Christian Lifestyle? Why?

Commitment: I commit to reaching out to others while living by biblical standards.
The Christian Lifestyle – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1.
5. Listen to the program: “The Christian Lifestyle”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group.
Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer: Be ready to share your testimony. (1 Peter 3:15.)
 - b. Question #3 answer: Rejection lifestyle.
 1. It can create a legalistic mindset
 2. It can create isolationism (living apart from others)
 - c. Question #4 answer: Accommodation lifestyle.
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 - d. Question #5 answer: Creative tension lifestyle.
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8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to be willing to be challenged to live a lifestyle that honors Christ and reaches out to the unsaved.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Heavenly Father, please help us to be committed to you and to reaching the unsaved people in our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.