

"Life on Mission" (10 Powerful Descriptions of a Church on Mission with God) Part 9 – "A Fragrant Perfume for Jesus" 2 Cor. 2:14-17 March 10, 2019

The Aroma of Christ

- 1. A Parade of Victory. (2 Cor. 2:14)
- 2. A Pleasing Offering. (2 Cor. 2:15; Eph. 5:2)
- 3. A Powerful Opportunity. (2 Cor. 2:14)
 - To the Christ –Follower =<u>LIFE!</u>
 - Through the Christ-Follower = JESUS!
 - To the unbelieving "world" = <u>DEATH!</u>

Application:

- 1. Do you see your daily walk with Jesus a walk of victory or defeat? Do your daily choices reflect an offering to the Lord that pleases Him?
- 2. The aroma of Jesus should be at work in the Christ-follower and also through the Christ follower. We pick up aromas based on where we have been or who we have been with. Can people tell you have been with Jesus? What do they notice?
- 3. When people reject the message of Christ are they rejecting the aroma of Jesus or us? How can we tell the difference?



Life Group Questions/Discussion
"A Fragrant Perfume for Jesus"
2 Corinthians 2:14-17

<u>Main Thought of the Study</u> – When we think of being on mission for the Lord we must see that we carry the aroma of Jesus wherever we go. The impact we can have on others bringing the love and hope of Jesus can truly make an eternal difference.

<u>Introduction Discussion</u> – Share some of the best aromas that you appreciate. (Fresh baked bread, pizza, etc.) Are there any smells or aromas that you appreciate but your spouse or family does not?

Reflections from the Message

- 1. Discuss the picture of a Roman parade after a great victory. (2 Corinthians 2:14) Have you ever been a part of a great parade? (Rose parade, victory parade for a sports team, etc.) Jesus wants us to be part of His victory parade. (Colossians 2:15; Romans 8:37; 2 Corinthians 2:14) Share with one another how Christ has brought victory into your life.
- 2. Paul tells us that we are the aroma of Christ. (2 Corinthians 2:15) When you spend time with someone or at some location, have you ever picked up their smell or the smell of that place? Has anyone asked you where have you been because of your odor? If we smell like Jesus what does it smell like? What is the aroma of Christ?
- 3. Some smells we are drawn to and some smells we are repulsed by. Read 2 Corinthians 2:16. Discuss how the same message can have two opposite responses. (Example a honeybee can bring honey or a sting) Read Acts 17:32 and I Peter 2:6-8. Discuss how hearing about Jesus brings life to some listeners. Was there a time recently when hearing someone share about Jesus brought you hope and encouragement?
- 4. For some, when they hear about Jesus they are repulsed. What is it about the Gospel that would upset some people? Have you experienced that response? Is it possible for some to be turned off by the way Christians act more than being upset at Jesus? How can we make sure that we always have the aroma of Jesus? (2 Corinthians 2:14)

Application:

- 1. As a group, think of ways to bring the sweetness of Jesus to someone in need this week. Is there a project, a gift, a word of encouragement that can be done in the name of Jesus?
- 2. Pray for those by name that you are seeking to reach for Jesus. Begin a plan to invite them to Easter services or other ways of sharing the love of Jesus with them.