

Thánh Kinh Vào Đời – Witnessing Your Faith

THE POINT

Be a witness!

THE POINT, UNWRAPPED

Living Holy and influence others to follow.

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Acts 1:8:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

DISCUSSION

- What kind of power do you think God is referring to?
- Why is it important for us to witness our faith? Why can't we just leave it up to the leaders (Huynh Trường) in our youth group?
- What is keeping you from being a witness for God? What are some things you can do to overcome those obstacles?

TEAM BUILDING

Shockwave

Huynh Trường will divide the group into two teams and have the teams sit in parallel lines facing each other. At one end of the lines place a spoon (or any object easy to grab) on a chair at the end of the lines within reach of the last person on each team while you stand at the other end of the lines.

Huynh Trường will toss a coin, so that the first person in each row can see if it lands on heads or tails. Everyone else will be seated with their head down, eyes (except the first person) closed and holding the hands of their teammates seated next to them. If it lands on heads, that person will squeeze the hand of the next person and the squeeze should pass on down the line until the last person, upon receiving the squeeze, the last person tries to grab the spoon before the person from the other team does. The first person to grab the spoon then moves to the first seat and everyone on the team moves over a seat.

The goal is to be the first team to return to their original positions. If the coin lands on tails, nothing happens and you toss the coin again. If someone passes a squeeze and the team grabs the spoon on tails, or if anyone on a team opens their eyes, the team must move one place

backwards, so be watching them! Play as many or few times as time allows. Then move the chairs back into a circle and ask:

What factors helped or hurt your team?
How important was it to pass on the squeeze?

In this game, it is important that you receive and then pass on information. In the same way, in your Christian life, you have received God's grace and love and the good news about salvation in Christ, and it is important that you pass that information on to others.

TEAM STUDY

One side of the room will be the -Easy to do|| side, and the other side will be -No way|| side. The leader (HT) will ask a series of questions, you will respond to each of the following ways to witness by moving to the spot along the continuum that expresses your feeling about the statements. Don't let other influence your responses. When everyone takes a spot along the continuum after the statement, the leader will ask you or any volunteer to share.

5. I could talk with a friend at school or at thi u nhi about why I believe in God the Trinity
6. I could visit a nursing home with my TNTT group
7. I could give a faith-sharing talk to a group of younger children
8. I could talk to my family members about why my faith is important to me
9. I could put up a poster in my locker with a religious message
10. I could give a witness talk on a retreat about my relationship with God
11. I could choose a profession or vocation that is obviously religious
12. I could wear a T-shirt with a religious message to the mall or to school
13. I could write an article for the school or local newspaper about my church or youth group
14. I could start a prayer on my Facebook and tag others to join

SUMMARY

As Knight of Eucharist team leaders, we can become witness because we love Christ. We witness because He loves us. We witness because we want to honor and obey Him. We witness because He gives us a special love for others.

Witnessing will stimulate our spiritual growth, lead us to pray and study God's Word, and encourage us to depend on Christ. We will experience the tremendous privilege and honor of representing Jesus to the world (2 Corinthians 5:20).

The Holy Spirit came to provide the power for us to do so (Acts 1:8). Wouldn't you like to share with someone else the most valuable thing you have?

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Read and contemplate each passage any days of the week

Day 1: 1 Timothy 4:7-10

- O. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your faithfulness to the teaching of the Bible and the church? Why?
- P. How can you live out the godliness call of this passage to grow in your own life ?

Day 2: Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

- What experiences of Jesus have you had that you can share with others?
- How can you or can you be a witness for Jesus' message?

Day 3: 2 Corinthians 4:5-10

- When and how the light of Christ shines through you?
- How can you point others toward Jesus without making yourself the center of attention?

VIETNAMESE WORDS

Witness – người chứng

Influence – ảnh hưởng, tác dụng

Obstacle – vật chướng ngại, trở lực

