

**SCC Small Group Discussion**  
**Catechism – Becoming More Like Jesus**  
**Q4: How is my faith expressed beyond the walls of SCC?**

**Derived from a sermon on January 25, 2026 by Dr. Jeff Chandler**

**Getting Started:**

Has anyone you know made comments which suggest they know you are a Christian and are watching for consistency in your life?

When have you seen someone live out their faith in a way that made you curious, encouraged, or inspired?

**Exploring the Answer in God's Word:**

**A: Jesus sends me into the world to express his love by telling others what he has done for me.**

I've been given a unique story and life changing experiences. When shared from a motive of love, they invite questions, encourage dialogue, and direct people to Jesus.

**The five devotions this week in our free booklet focus on the following Scriptures that relate to this topic. As a group discuss how to apply them to your life.**

- I. *“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.”*  
Acts 1:8

What does it mean for you personally to be a “witness” of Jesus in your everyday life?

What are the “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth” in your own context today?

- II. *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

Can you point to an example where you saw your own or another Christian’s light shine?

How did the “good deeds” that were expressed point others toward God, and how did it impact you?

- III. *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

In what ways does Jesus’ promise “I am with you always” give you courage to live out your faith publicly?

Who in your circle of influence (family, workplace, community) might God be calling you to disciple through intentional conversation or mentoring?

- IV. *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15*

What does it mean to “revere Christ as Lord in your heart” before speaking about him? Why is this important?

Do you have a clear way of explaining “the hope you have” that you can share with others in the group? (Perhaps some helpful verses, or an illustration)

V. *“God... reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*

What does it mean to you personally to be entrusted with the “ministry of reconciliation”?

What aspects of your “unique story and life changing experiences”, shared from a motive of love, have invited questions and dialogue, and helped direct others to Jesus?

**To help you internalize these truths be sure to do this week’s daily devotions and reflections. Pray for one another as you seek to apply what God is showing you.**

**Next Week’s Topic – February 1-7, 2026**

**Q #5 – Why should I serve others?**

**A: God has shaped me to play a part in changing the world.**

Through spiritual gifts, opportunities to care, and authentic relationships, God calls and equips me to love the world and make disciples.

Get discussion questions in word format at [www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads](http://www.sequimcommunitychurch.org/downloads)