

SAY WHAT?

Discussion Notes

ASHAMED OF ME

This week we're looking at how we can get better at sharing our faith. Something that can be really helpful is to hear encouraging (or funny) stories, so see if anyone has a story where they have shared their faith.

Read Luke 9:21-27

- What do you find tough about this passage? Is it surprising that Jesus would say these things?
- What is your immediate reaction? Does it spur you on to share your faith, make you worried, leave you confused?

Sam said that there are three main reasons we might not share out faith: we aren't confident in who Jesus is, we don't care what Jesus does and we don't want to pay the cost of following him.

ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN WHO JESUS IS?

- What does being 'confident in Jesus' mean to you? Would you say you have confidence at the moment?
- Do you agree with Sam that if we don't have confidence in who Jesus is we won't share our faith as freely? Have you experienced this yourself?
- What can we do to grow our confidence in Jesus?

DO YOU CARE WHAT JESUS DOES?

- When have you felt apathetic about sharing your faith? What caused that for you?
- Sam said that our society says that we can all believe our own truths and just keep it to ourselves. Do you think this is true? Do you agree with Sam that this can lead to us feeling apathetic in sharing our faith?
- Do you agree with Sam's illustration of keeping our faith to ourselves being like keeping a vaccine to yourself? How should that affect our actions?
- How can we grow in compassion for our friends and be less apathetic about sharing our faith?

ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS?

- Jesus warned his disciples about this because the cost of sharing their faith would be so high. What are the costs for us today?
- What can we do to get past these challenges?

Praying for our friends is a simple and powerful thing we can all do. Spend some time praying for friends by name. You may also want to set each other a challenge for the week, perhaps all committing to sharing the service link with one person.