

Out of Our Comfort Zone

Worksheet 9: **October 29, 2015**—*influence*

There is a fair amount of going involved in following Christ! And we may be placed squarely out of our element—*comfort zone*. The Comforter will remain faithful, however, and we can be absolutely sure that God will not ask us to go anywhere that he does not intend to go before us and with us. It may be across the room, across the street, or across the world—maybe China!

Jesus calls us not only to “come to Him,” but to “go for Him.”
We are to work with God to represent Christ to a lost and dying world!

Is our influence a warrant for belief?

“When we feel too busy,
our real need isn’t to find ways to cram more into our already full lives,
but to concentrate on what matters most.”

—Sue Augustine

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Isaiah 26:18

Matthew 10:11-15

vs 12

vs 13

vs 14

vs 15

Philemon 22

Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 10:16 *“I am sending you out like sheep, among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”*

Prayer Requests and Praises:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

God the Father is our comfort zone; the Holy Spirit is our comforter, and Jesus is our ‘comfort’!

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Define your “comfort zone” when it comes to being an influence for Jesus Christ, and be pretty thorough.

2. Look up **1 Thessalonians 3:10-11** and fill in the blanks: “*Night and day we _____ most earnestly that we may see you _____ and _____ what is lacking in your faith. 11Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus _____ _____ for us to come to you.*” (NIV)

3. Jesus spent His earthly life in the uncomfortable zone of sinners—certainly out of His comfort zone, as He was sinless. List at least five places He traveled to or people he spoke to, described in Scripture, which would have been out of His comfort zone as well.

Tax collector’s house _____

“The only reason that you and I are spiritually alive is because He died.”

—Anne Graham Lotz

Recommended Reading:

- God’s Story*, Anne Graham Lotz
How to Reach Secular People, George G. Hunter, III
Six Hours One Friday, Max Lucado
The Applause of Heaven, Max Lucado