

## **The Interpreter**

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Tonight and tomorrow night (November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) we will be having another Small Group Leader Training. We are excited to see who the Lord brings to us. Pray for a blessed training and new leaders that will help grow our ministry!

*“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” - Colossians 1: 15 NKJV*

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### **GETTING STARTED**

It has been said several times during this series that communication is mostly non-verbal. We all know some people can say plenty without even saying a word. Go around and say something to the group, or to someone in the group, but don't say a word. Just use body language. See if everyone can pick up on what you are communicating.

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. This message was titled, “The Interpreter”. What exactly is an interpreter? Give your best definition.
2. Now that we know what an interpreter is, what exactly is their purpose? Why would someone need an interpreter?
3. Interpreters are only needed when there is a disconnect in communication (two people speak different languages, etc.). One side has to not be able to understand the other. Pastor Miles called Jesus God's interpreter for us. Can you understand why? If God needs an interpreter to get His point across to us, what does that tell you? Name as many things that come to mind when you think of God using an interpreter with mankind.
4. God using Jesus as an interpreter tells us many things. One is that He is gracious. He sent Jesus to save the world, because man is sinful. Rather than just destroying us for our sin, He sent Jesus to communicate to us that we can be forgiven if we turn from our wicked ways. Does this tell you anything about mankind, and why we need an interpreter?

5. The fact that man needs an interpreter (Jesus) to tell us to turn from our sin and live righteously shows you that man is unrighteous. Not only can we not live up to God's righteousness, we need someone to help us understand what righteousness is. We were born into sin. How does Jesus communicate to us the righteousness that God desires in our lives?
6. One of the ways Jesus communicated how to live righteously was through His words. He constantly taught those around Him about what pleased the Father. An even more impressive way that He taught us righteousness was through His life. Jesus never sinned! He lived a perfect life. God's Word requires righteous living, and Jesus showed the Word of God through His life. What an awesome form of interpretation/communication.
7. A "Christian" is someone who is Christ-like, so if we call ourselves Christians, what does that mean? If Jesus interpreted or communicated God's righteousness to a sinful world, and we are His followers, what responsibility do all Christians have? How are we to do this?
8. Part of being a Christian means modeling a righteous lifestyle to this dying world. This is a big responsibility. Once we become Christians, we are still human, so we can't possibly become righteous on our own. How can God expect us to live righteously then? Has He left us anything to help with our battle against the flesh?
9. Living a righteous lifestyle takes super-natural strength, and that is what Jesus promised He would give us. He gives us this strength through the Holy Spirit. He is our Guide, our strength, and our power. In addition to this, God also gives us other resources to help us walk with Him. Can you name some?
10. A great resource God provides us with to help us walk with Him is His Body, aka, other believers! Small groups are a great way to grow closer to God. If some of you don't mind, share with the group how being in this small group has helped you grow closer to the Father.
11. Lastly, examine yourself. Are you properly communicating God's message to the world? If someone is willing to, share your thoughts.

### **BRINGING IT HOME**

***"FOR IN HIM DWELLS ALL THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY....." –  
COLOSSIANS 2: 9***

1. Even though God has given us supernatural strength, and fellow Christians to lean on, we are still bound to mess up sometimes. Praise God for His amazing grace! This week, every day, make it a point to thank God for the mercy and grace that He shows to you.
2. Just as Jesus communicated God's love and righteousness to a lost world, we should do the same. This week, hold each other accountable to walk in a way that shows what God's love is all about. Help each other out!