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Sabbath FOR STUDY

- » **Memory Text:** “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16, NKJV).
- » **Our Beliefs, no. 13, The Remnant and Its Mission:** “The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ, but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy, a remnant has been called out to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour, proclaims salvation through Christ, and heralds the approach of His second advent.”
- » Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 38, 39.

THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF INFLUENCE

“Buckling my seat belt to prepare for a quiet flight, I glanced up and noticed an Indian spiritual leader walking down the aisle of the plane. His long white robe, flowing shoulder-length hair, and full beard attracted my attention. I was even more surprised when he took his seat beside me. His warm brown eyes and gentle smile put me at ease instantly.

“During the flight we discussed our philosophies of life. Of course, I shared the ‘good news’ about my best friend Jesus. I told of His inexhaustible mercy, His limitless love, His infinite power. I told of His creation, His salvation, His friendship, His priesthood, and His soon coming.

“At the end of the two-hour flight, to my utter surprise, this Indian [spiritual leader] placed his hand upon my shoulder and, with his face only a few inches from mine, spoke in distinct, deliberate tones. He hadn’t said much during our flight. He let me do most of the talking. Now it was his turn.

“‘Son,’ he declared, ‘everyone we ever meet in life has influence upon us. There are no chance meetings. No life is an accident. We all influence one another for eternal life or for death. Thank you, young man, for influencing me for the nobler principles of the heavenly kingdom today.’ Then he turned and walked away. . . .

“He was right. There are no chance meetings. Our words and actions have an incredibly powerful influence on other people. Every encounter for the Savior is an opportunity to share the Father’s love. Some of Christ’s most life-changing moments resulted from unexpected meetings. They were not planned ‘witnessing events.’ They were divine encounters in the daily routine of life. . . .

“Today you can be an influence for good on someone around you. You can share God’s love with someone who needs you. Someone needs your hopeful words today. Someone needs your encouragement today. Make yourself available to the Spirit [of God], and look for an unexpected encounter with one of God’s needy children today.”—Mark Finley, *Solid Ground* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald®, 2003), pp. 122, 123.

Sunday RESPONDING

- » Read Acts 13:47.
- » To hear the needs of those around us, we need to listen through their pain, anger, and hurt to hear what they are really trying to say. We need to reach out to people to understand what they need. We are called to be channels of God’s love to others. He uses us to meet people where they are; then we can lead them into a saving relationship with God.
- » Priyanth has gone to Christian schools all his life. He doesn’t really know anyone who is not of his faith. But now he will have to go to a public high school. He wants to share his faith, but he is afraid people will think he is strange. What advice would you give him?

Monday BIBLE ANSWERS ON THE REMNANT AND ITS MISSION

- » Read 2 Peter 3:10-14; Revelation 14:6-12; Revelation 18:1-4.
- » As children of God we have a message for the world. God loves them. Jesus died for them. And the Holy Spirit helps us to obey God’s command to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15, NKJV). We are to take the three angels’ messages to the world. Jesus is coming soon, and He wants us to help others to be ready for His coming (see Matthew 28:19, 20).
- » Knowing that God is with you, to whom will you reach out to share His message of love? _____
- » What are some things you can do to share God’s messages?

- » Take a piece of paper and lightly draw a background that goes with the verse below. Now, write the verse across your picture. Take a pencil and mark various shapes on the picture and verse—so it looks like a puzzle. Now cut out the pieces, mix them up, and put the puzzle together upside down (so you can’t see the picture). Once you have put it together, glue a piece of card stock on the back. After it has dried, turn the picture verse over. Hang your picture in your room to remind you that everyone needs a chance to become a follower of Jesus and the opportunity to be ready for His coming.
- » “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10, NKJV).



