
BE THE BEE

SESSION #12

Uniting With God and Neighbor

LEARNING TO BE THE BEE AND LIVE ORTHODOXY



BE THE BEE # 12

Sharing the Church

Goal:

Learn how to guard the Church.

Objective:

Identify one way to share the Church with others in your daily life.

Estimated Duration:

60 minutes

LEARNING SESSION

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OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to “be the bee” and “have a positive way of thinking, seeing only the good side of things.” Show us “where to find flowers, sweets, honey and sugar, and to only know the good things in life and become ignorant to all evil.” Grant us faith, courage and love, through the prayers of Saint Paisios and of all the Saints. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

6 minutes

If you had a million dollars, how would you keep it safe?

VIDEO

5 minutes

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<https://youtu.be/3tCBuC8xuds>

DEBRIEF

10 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you see and hear in the video?
- ❖ What is one lesson you can take away from the video?

TEACHING

7 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ How are we called to guard the Church?
- ❖ What is meant by, “receive this divine trust and guard it”?
- ❖ Is this command only meant for priests?
- ❖ What can we do to guard that “divine trust”?

REFLECTION

10 minutes

Ask students the following question and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What is it like for you to live out your faith in your daily life? Are you challenged?

READING AND APPLICATION

7 minutes

Read the following story to students:

What Does it Mean to "Go" to Church?

<http://orthodoxyouthministry.blogspot.com/2013/07/what-does-it-mean-to-go-to-church.html?q=church>

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you hear in the story? What spoke to you?
- ❖ What is the Church to you?
- ❖ Is the Church the building or the community? Can you explain?

SCRIPTURE READING AND APPLICATION

10 minutes

Read the following verses to students:

"I will declare your name to my people; in the congregation I will praise you." - Psalm 22:22

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5: 14-16

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ How are we called to, "declare" God?
- ❖ What is the warning we are being given?
- ❖ How can we let our light shine?
- ❖ What is the importance of light?

Teaching: (reflect on this rather than read it directly to participants)

Each of us are called to share our faith. This is not meant to be the job of just the priest, but something for each baptized member of the Church. This can seem daunting to us, but through our good thoughts, actions, and attitudes we can spread the love of Christ and His Church to every person we encounter. We can guard the Church by sharing with others. Doing that we are able to let God's light into the world. When we say guard, we are not talking about keeping people out of the Church. In this case we are talking about guarding or upholding the faith. When we share our faith with others, we are guarding the faith by keeping it alive. It is the people that make up the Church. Allowing our light to shine, helps to show others who Christ is. Once they know Christ, they are more apt to be a full member of the Church.

CONCLUSION

5 minutes

Go around the room and ask each student to answer the following question:

- ❖ What is one way to share the Church with others in your daily life through what you learned in the session?

CLOSING PRAYER

*In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Lord, help us to shine Your light on others. Help us to be full members of the Church, and to share Her with others. Help us to be Your vessels, so that our lights may shine bright and we may share Your love.
Amen.*