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# BE THE BEE

# SESSION #22

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Uniting With God and Neighbor

LEARNING TO BE THE BEE AND LIVE ORTHODOXY



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## What Do You Share

### **Goal:**

Learn to let your light shine.

### **Objective:**

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

### **Estimated Duration:**

60 minutes

# LEARNING SESSION

## **Be the Bee #22** **What Do You Share**

### 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*

What is your favorite post (Facebook, tweet, instagram)?

## VIDEO

*5 minutes*

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<https://youtu.be/EVRISnN0oKc>

## 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:

- ❖ Can God be found anywhere in our social media?
- ❖ Is God important enough to us that we share Him with the people we care about?
- ❖ Do we share God with our friends and families offline? How?
- ❖ Are we known for being kind, patient, loving?
- ❖ Do we help those who are in need? How?
- ❖ Do we pick up those who have stumbled? How?

## REFLECTION

*10 minutes*

Ask students the following question and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ Do you feel that you waste your time online? What do you wish you did more of instead?

## READING AND APPLICATION

*7 minutes*

Read the following story to students:

*When Welcome isn't Enough*

<http://orthodoxyouthministry.blogspot.com/2014/02/when-welcome-isnt-enough.html>

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you hear in the story? What spoke to you?
- ❖ How do we do with unfamiliar people at Church?
- ❖ Have we invited any of our friends to church?
- ❖ Have we invited others to pray with us?

# SCRIPTURE READING AND APPLICATION

*10 minutes*

Read the following verses to students:

*"Yea, thou dost light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness." - Psalm 18:27-29*

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

*- Matthew 5:16*

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ Do people know we are Christian through our actions?
- ❖ What is the reason we are called to let our light shine ?
- ❖ What is this light?
- ❖ How can we be a light?

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

*We are called to, “preach the gospel at all times and if necessary use words”. This is a call to do good works. Letting our light shine is not only about telling others about God, it is about showing them who Christ is. We do this through our actions. To be a light is to lighten someone’s darkness. We all experience darkness at one point or another in our lives. To lighten someone’s darkness is to acknowledge the dark things they carry with them, help them name the darkness, and walk with them through the dark tunnel through to the light. To be a light is to pray for others, and to remind others that Christ is present and working in their lives. As we read in the Psalms, when we are a light, Christ brings light to our lives as well by being our Light. We are called to spread His Light at all times. Social media is one great way we can spread Christ to others, but the most important way to share Christ with others is through our acts of love, kindness, and patience.*



## CONCLUSION

*5 minutes*

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

- ❖ What is one way to share God 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 be a light to those in darkness. Help us to show others who You are. Give us the courage to follow Your commandments and allow our lives to be pleasing to You, so that others may see our good works and give glory to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*