

Program 2: The Mirror of the Ten Commandments

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment.

Food for Thought

The first step in learning to share our faith is to examine our own hearts. It is important to know our motivation for witnessing. The fuel that motivates us to share the gospel with others should be our gratitude to God for the cross, combined with a concern for the terrible fate of unbelievers. Who do you know who isn't saved and will one day be cast into the Lake of Fire? We should be horrified at the thought of this happening to *anyone*. If you're lacking the fuel of compassion for others and gratitude for your own salvation, the task of sharing your faith will become a chore, feeling loathsome and legalistic. If there's no fuel in your car, you'll have to push it instead of drive it. If you have to push the vehicle of evangelism, it will be a tiresome task, while driving it will be exhilarating. Without the fuel of gratitude, your attitude won't be an enthusiastic "I delight to do Your will," but a begrudging "I *have* to do Your will."

Each of us needs to have a Garden of Gethsemane experience, where we lay down our own will. It was in a garden where man first said, "Not Your will, but *mine* be done." And it's in a garden where we need to go back and say, "Not my will, but Yours be done." Don't be concerned that the rest of the church may be sleeping when it comes to seeking the lost. Just find a quiet place, get on your knees and say, "Father, the