



Key References:

2 Corinthians 2:14–17 (ESV)

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ¹⁶ to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷ For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Lifeway Research – 2016 - Survey of 2,000 Unchurched Americans

51% say a personal invitation from a friend or neighbor from the church would be effective in getting them to visit

26% say they would attend a small group for people curious about God

55% say that a personal invitation from a family member would be effective in getting them to visit

18% say an ad on Facebook would be effective in getting them to visit

79% do not mind their friends talking about their faith, if they really value it

NO CONNECT GROUPS NEXT WEEK: Please encourage your group to come to The Canada Equip from Wednesday to Friday at Maranatha Church. Registration is still open at CanadaEquip.ca.

Absolutely everyone can come in the evening from 7-9pm where no registration is needed!

1 – AROMA

What's the longest you've ever been without showering? Why is it so difficult to be a judge of your own smell?

Read 2 Cor 2:14-17. **Why do you think The Bible uses words like *aroma* and *fragrance* to describe Christians? What is the purpose of this fragrance given here? Why is the fragrance of Christians found repulsive by some?**

What do you think you “smell like” to non-Christians? Is it desirable?

When does meat off of the BBQ smell its best? How about after a few weeks? How does that mirror our spiritual fragrance?

You can put a “fake” smell in a stinky car to mask the smell. **What are the “fake air-fresheners” in a Christians life?**

2 – KEY #1: LET JESUS LEAD

[v14] Paul said; *“If we let Jesus lead, we can live a life that magnifies Christ.”* **Why those two things connected?**

Two people dancing together who both try to lead will end up in trouble. **How do we subvert Jesus' leading in our lives? Is it possible to let Jesus lead in every area of life? If so, how? What kind of humility do we need to do this well?**

3 – KEY #2: KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE AROMA, NOT US.

When we smell spiritually good to those around us, **what or who are people actually smelling? How does this fit with Galatians 2:20?**

4 – KEY #3: LET CHRIST BE FORMED IN US

Read Galatians 4:19. **What does it mean to have “*Christ formed in*” us? What causes this transformation process to go stale hold?**

How does being in God's word and presence form Christ in us? Can it happen without being in these two places?

5 – WE MUST WITNESS

How does witnessing naturally happen on the back this? Were you surprised by the stats Paul shared on Sunday?