

## **A Message to Share**

### **Lesson 2 — Student Guide**

**Prepare for class:** Read Acts 17:16-34; Psalm 103

#### **Lesson Goal**

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What are good ways to organize a devotion, whether based on the Psalms or other parts of Scripture?**

#### **Think**

#### **Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

#### **Learn**

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

#### **Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

#### **Discussion**

13. Consider this situation: You have been studying God's Word for a while, and you are progressing. You are starting to put a group together. You are told of an unexpected death and are asked to provide a message of comfort and prayer for the family. Should you speak, and if so, what should you say?
14. What questions have you learned to ask to analyze a text for use in devotions?

15. Once you have explored these questions and you have prayed for God's guidance and blessing, how can the devotion be organized and presented?
16. With your teacher, practice using this method to create a devotion using Psalm 103.
17. Now that you have learned how to organize a devotion, you will work during the rest of the course to create a kind of directory of situations in which you would like to share the Word. What ideas do you have?
18. Part of the final project of this course is to use the list you have just created and fill this directory with a Psalm suitable for each occasion. How can this be accomplished?

**Lesson wrap-up**

**What are good ways to organize a devotion, whether based on the Psalms or other parts of Scripture?**