



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: Unashamed

Suggested Week of Use: February 28, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 9:18-27

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### News Story Summary

Chen Wensheng is a former drug addict who became a believer in Jesus. He has been arrested four times this year for doing evangelism on the streets in the province of Hunan, China. He has spent a total of 25 days in jail so far this year. When authorities came to his house to persuade him to cease, he shared the gospel with them. Chen is determined to share the gospel even if that means doing so in jail.

For more about this story, search “Chen Wensheng detained”.

### Focus Attention

To supplement the Transition idea under Focus Attention, share the story of Chen Wensheng after reading the first paragraph in the session. Lead the group to list reasons a person might be hesitant to identify with Jesus if there were in Chen’s situation. Allow the group to propose reasons Chen is not hesitant to be identified as a follower of Jesus. Challenge the group to look for the reasons Jesus gave His disciples for identifying with Him in today’s study.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Reinforce idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the story of Chen Wensheng. Call attention to the summary statements under Apply the Text. Lead the group to identify ways the story about Chen illustrates these points. Guide the group to select the statement they most needed to be reminded of (see the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge). Ask: *How would you rate Chen’s denying himself, taking up his cross, and following Jesus daily?* After allowing the group to share, call attention to the third question set under Apply the Text. Guide the group to privately respond to the question. Complete the step beginning with the Reflect idea.