

Lesson 2: A Recap of a Gospel Study:

I. Spend a few minutes of introduction for each person in the group.

- A. Share with the group things such as: Where were you born? What places have you lived? Where did you go to school? What do you do for work? Do you have a family? How did you become a Christian?
- B. Write down everyone's name here so you can pray for them by name.

II. Recap of a Gospel Study.

Begins with the Question: If the Lord were to come right now, do you know for sure without doubting that you would go to Heaven to be with Him?

A. 1 John 5:13

- 1. According to this verse, is it possible to know if you have eternal life?
- 2. How can you know? _____

B. John 8:24

- 1. Is this a Life and Death Statement? Y / N
- 2. What must you do according to this verse? _____

C. Who is Jesus according to the following verses?

- 1. Matthew 16:13-17 _____
- 2. John 1:1-3, 14 _____
- 3. Hebrews 1:8 _____
- 4. Colossians 2:9 _____
- 5. Note: Notice how Jesus is both man and God

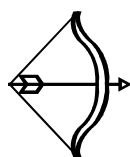
D. Why did Jesus have to be both man and God?

1. 1 Timothy 2:5 - What is Jesus called here? _____
2. Note: As a man, Jesus can mediate for us, and as God, Jesus can mediate for God. As both God and man, Jesus acted as a mediator.

E. Why do we need a mediator?

1. Isaiah 59:1-2 - What came between us and God? _____
2. Romans 3:23 - Who has sinned? _____
3. What is sin? There are two words for sin
 - 1) Transgression - This means to do something you are not supposed to do. For instance, we are commanded not to steal. If we steal, then we have transgressed. It means to overstep a boundary.
 - 2) Sin - This means to fall short or miss the mark. It means not doing something you are supposed to do. For example, we are commanded to be kind to others. When we are not kind, then we have sinned. Sin is not living up to the lifestyle that God has laid out for us. As we can see, all have sinned and fallen short.

Illustration of the Concept of Sin



SIN
The arrow misses and doesn't make it to the target

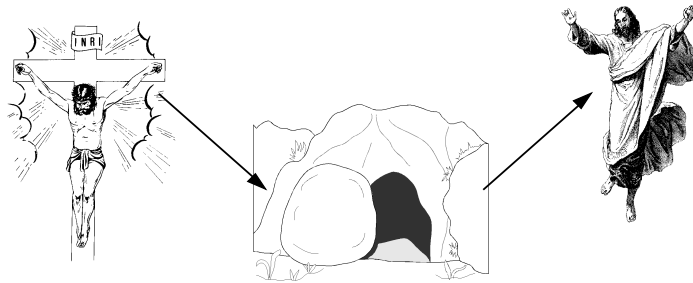


TRANSGRESSION
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F. How did Jesus mediate and bring us back to God?

1. Romans 1:16 - What is the power of God to save us? _____
2. 2 Timothy 1:10 - What two things did God bring to light through the Gospel? _____ and _____
3. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 - What is the Gospel?
 - a) The _____ of Jesus for our sins
 - b) The _____ of Jesus

c) The _____ of Jesus



4. Ephesians 1:7 - What did Jesus's death do for you?
 Forgiveness of _____, which is what separated you from God
5. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 - What did His resurrection do for you?
 Jesus is the f_____ of those who have died. He is the first of many, which includes you. He will return and those that belong to him to go with him to Heaven when he returns.
6. Note: This first part of the study reviews God's part in reconciling us to himself. The remainder highlights what God wants us to do.

G. What does God want you to do?

1. Romans 10:9 _____ Jesus as Lord
2. Luke 13:3 _____ or you will perish.
 What does this mean? It means to change your lifestyle.
3. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - What are the things we are to change?
4. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 - To escape eternal destruction we need to:
 - a) K _____ God
 - b) Obey the G_____.
 - c) Note: Remember that the Gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. How would we obey that? Continue on...

H. Romans 6:3-7 - Obeying the Gospel. Are the facts of the Gospel, the death, burial and resurrection, mentioned in this passage?

1. How is your baptism like his death? What dies when you are baptized?

2. How is baptism like his burial?
3. How is baptism like his resurrection?
4. When you were baptized, you came up out of the water and now walk in newness of _____. What does that mean to you?
5. When you were baptized, the body of _____ was done away with, and you are no longer a slave to it.
 Note: Remember that this is what separated you from God, but now it is done away with at your baptism.

III. What is Next?

Conversion is only the beginning and baptism is only a first step in the life of a Christian. There is a lifetime of growth in this relationship with God that you have begun. There will be all kinds of challenges that will try and pull you back to your former life when you did not walk with God. This is why it is important for you to continue to take the next steps and grow. For instance, when a baby is born into this world, that is the beginning of a life of growth. The baby needs to eat, learn to walk, talk, and eventually learn to read, learn, study, and so forth.

The newborn image is helpful as you begin your walk. It is not demeaning because we are all children of God at different stages in our walk with him. It is important for you to spend time with a wise, spiritual Christian mentor that can help you as you learn your first steps. We all need spiritual "parents" when we begin our walk with God. It is also important for you to realize that you have been made a part of the family of God through Christ. All of those who have obeyed the Gospel are your brothers and sisters and related by blood, the blood of Christ.

The remainder of this study will guide you to learn about your new identity in Christ, your part in the family of God, and especially how to draw closer to the God who loves you relentlessly that he gave his own son for you.

☐ Day 1

1. Look back over the previous lesson. Write down any thoughts, insights, fears, or questions you may have here:

2. Spend time in prayer with God

☐ Day 2

1. Slowly read Eph 1:3-8

2. Look over the passage, and reflect on the spiritual blessings you have in Christ. Write down any thoughts or insights that come to you here:

3. Spend some time with God in prayer. Share your thoughts with him. Thank him.

☐ Day 3

1. Slowly read Eph 1:3-14

2. Look over the passage, and reflect on the spiritual blessings you have in Christ. Write down any thoughts or insights that come to you here:

3. Spend time with God in prayer, praying about what you have read.

☐ Day 4

1. 2 Cor 5:14-18

2. Look over the passage, reflect on the change that is to take place in your life as a Christian. Write down any thoughts or insights that come to you here:

3. Spend time with God in prayer, praying about what you have read.

□ Day 5

1. Read 1 Cor 12:12-27 slowly
2. Reflect on what God may desire for you in the church. Write down what God might be communicating to you through this passage.

3. Spend time with God in prayer

- 4, Begin to read over the next lesson and do the questions.

□ Day 6

1. Ready 1 Cor 12:12-27 slowly again
2. Reflect on the metaphor of the "Body of Christ," your place in it, and what this analogy means for you as you live life.

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4. Read over the next lesson and complete the questions.