



Jesus Film Project®
A Cru Ministry

Knowing Jesus

**Planting your new Missional Community
using the *Jesus* Film**

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Welcome to the Great Adventure of using the *JESUS* Film to reach people for Jesus, disciple them in the faith, then plant a new community of faith, and multiply that community!

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God wants to use you in an amazing way to build His kingdom in your own language among your people group.

The apostle John writes in the book of Revelation:

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9-10, ESV)!

Included in that multitude will be worshippers from every language and people group in the world. They will be worshipping and singing in their own languages, and in ways that express the uniqueness of their own cultures.

Jesus said in the last verses of the Gospel of Matthew:

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).

He tells us to GO, MAKE disciples, BAPTIZE them, and TEACH them. If we are going to obey His command, the best possible place for these disciples to grow is in a community or small group of believers.

The *JESUS* Film is an excellent tool to proclaim the gospel. You can show the film to neighbors, family and friends, and many will want to follow Jesus and be saved. But more than just telling them about Jesus, as your dear friends and family come to faith, you can continue to build them up in their faith by using the 61 segments from the *JESUS* Film to help them learn about His life, His teaching, the parables He taught, the miracles He did, as well as His prayers, trial, death and resurrection.

Step One

01

Where do you want to plant the new Missional Community?

Is there a nearby village or neighborhood that needs to know about Jesus?

First, you need to identify a “Person of Peace” in that place. In Luke 10:6, Jesus sends out 72 of his followers to carry His message, looking for a person of peace in every place that they went to host them.

This is someone who has a good reputation and has a network of friends and family they could invite to come see The JESUS Film.

We recommend that you build your relationship with this person, with an easy-to-remember three-step process that will lead naturally to an opportunity to clearly tell them about Jesus

a. Prayer

We pray for this person of peace. Pray that God will show you who that person is—someone who will be able to introduce you to their family and friends. Then as you get to know this person, ask how you can pray for them. People are happy to have Jesus’ followers pray for their needs.

In the *JESUS* film segments 25 and 26, Jesus teaches about prayer.

b. Care

As we pray for this new friend and begin to understand his needs, we can show that we care for him by listening to him and meeting his physical needs. In the *JESUS* film segment 31, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan and teaches how we should care for our neighbors. Jesus demonstrates this kind of care in many miracles you will see in the *JESUS* film.

c. Share

As we listen to people and help meet their needs, we are given the privilege to share about the good news of Jesus. In the *JESUS* film Segment 33, Jesus makes friends and shares the good news with Zacchaeus.

Step Two

02

Show the *Jesus* Film

Together with your person of peace, invite 10 or more people to see the *JESUS* film, perhaps at the home of the person of peace. You may find that many more will want to come! In these days of technology there are many ways to show the *JESUS* film.

Here are a few:

1. If you have a Jesus Film® backpack equipment set, use it to have a big screen, outdoor event! Many people will want to come see the film!
2. If you have access to a flat screen TV with a USB port, use a flash drive to show the *JESUS* film in the home of your person of peace.
3. If you have a tablet equipment set with a Bluetooth speaker, you can show the *JESUS* film to a smaller group of up to 20 people.
People will be excited to see and hear the story of Jesus in their own language!

At the closing of the film, offer two invitations to your audience for further engagement.

First, give them the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. (Many will receive Jesus right then!) Second, invite them to come back the next day to talk more about Jesus because many others will be interested but will have more questions.

Now comes the best part!

Step Three

03

The new Missional Community or Small Group

Regardless of whether or not the people who saw the film received Jesus as their Savior, invite them to come back the next day or evening to talk more about Jesus.

In this meeting, (and in all of the meetings that follow), you will utilize the 61 segments of the *JESUS* film to learn more about Jesus and talk about Him together.

Over the course of the next year, your new group will grow in Christ. And, as they do, they will grow in their love for one another and multiply that love in their community and in other communities!

From their very first meeting, these new group members will experience life in a Missional Community. We will use what is called the “Three-Thirds” (3/3) format for each meeting.

Step Four

04

Multiply

In Segment 17 of the *JESUS* film, Jesus teaches about Fruitfulness. At this point, your small group will be ready to start again with Step One to plant another new community!

They will have already learned about Jesus' power over the devil, His power over nature, His power to heal sick people, forgive sin, the character of a Jesus follower and Jesus' expectation of fruitfulness.

You may have already identified a key follower, your Timothy, who will be able to lead this new group. Help him or her to follow steps 1-4 to start the new multiplying community!

We pray that God will bless you as you trust Him to use you as part of His great kingdom expansion!



THREE – THIRDS

A Discipleship Training Process



Looking Back

- Caring for each other. Ask “how are you doing?”
- Worship
- Celebrate Faithfulness
- Accountability and Review
- Motivation and Encouragement
- Cast Vision



Looking Up

- New Lesson
- Obedience-Based Bible Study
- Learning a new story together about Jesus



Looking Forward

- Preparing for the Mission
- Practicing the Story
- Who will we share with this week
- Praying for the Mission

Two Ways to go through the Knowing Jesus Training:

There are two ways to use this curriculum to guide your new missional community through the segments of the **JESUS** film.

1. Beginning-to-End (Method 1)

After showing the *JESUS* film in its entirety (Step Two above), the first way of using the Knowing Jesus Training is to form a group and take those who attended the *JESUS* film showing back through the film, segment-by-segment, from beginning to end. This is an excellent way to reinforce the stories and teachings contained in the *JESUS* film!

2. Foundation-Building (Method 2)

The second way of using the Knowing Jesus Training involves building your new community members deeper in their faith by starting with some key foundational principles. Through the years, Campus Crusade for Christ® (the organization that produced the *JESUS* film), has developed several lessons entitled “Transferable Concepts,” to help establish new believers in their faith. These Transferable Concepts are illustrated in various segments of the *JESUS* film.



Please note that a complete written version of the Transferable Concepts can be read online at www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/transferable-concepts. You can also follow this QR code to the website.

If using Method 2, you will first do eight of the segment lessons out of order. (On the next page is a list of eight segments and the revised order in which you should lead your group.) Once you have completed these eight out-of-order segments, return to the beginning of the Knowing Jesus curriculum, and then go through it in order from beginning to end (as if you were starting Method 1).

In this case, you will actually repeat each of these eight lessons (as review) a second time.

Foundation-Building (Method 2) Segment Order:

Segment 61 – “How You Can Be Sure You Are a Christian”

If you were to die today, are you absolutely sure, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that you would go to heaven? (Uses clip “Invitation to Know Jesus Personally”)

Segment 14 – “How You Can Experience God’s Love and Forgiveness”

Do you sometimes find it difficult to believe that you have total forgiveness for your sins in Jesus Christ? Intellectually you believe it, but how about deep within your heart? (Uses clip “Sinful Woman Forgiven”)

Segment 26 – “How You Can Be Filled with the Holy Spirit”

Many Christians have never heard the powerful and liberating message of how to be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Uses clip “Teaching About Prayer and Faith”)

Segment 8 – “How You Can Be A Fruitful Witness”

Many Christians wonder why they don’t see others coming to know Christ. However, we can have a fruitful influence for Jesus wherever we go. (Uses clip “Miraculous Catch of Fish”)

Segment 60 – “How You Can Help Fulfill the Great Commission”

The good news is to be taken to every nation: the power of the gospel and the joy of telling people about Jesus. (Uses clip “Great Commission and Ascension”)

Segment 31 – “How You Can Love By Faith”

The Good Samaritan shows the powerful role of faith in loving others. (Uses clip “Parable of the Good Samaritan”)

Segment 25 – “How You Can Pray with Confidence”

Have you ever considered that you have immediate access to the most powerful Person in the universe? (Uses clip “The Lord’s Prayer”)

Segment 38 – “How You Can Experience the Adventure of Giving”

One of the most exciting adventures you can experience is the adventure of giving by faith. (Uses clip “Widow’s Offering”)

Segment 1: The Beginning - Genesis



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

- Give something tangible from what God has given you to help others



Looking Up

Introduction

This segment from the *JESUS* film tells us how God created the whole universe including the Earth, the plants, animals and human beings. It tells the story of how Adam and Eve sinned and rebelled against God and the consequences of their sin. We learn how God made a promise to Abraham and promised a Savior who would take away the sin of the world.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. The Bible begins with the creation of all things. Why is the Earth important in the plan of God?
3. What does the Scripture say is the reason God created Adam and Eve?
4. What happened to Adam and Eve? What were the results of their actions in the garden?
5. Because God still loved human beings, He had a plan to bring them back into relationship with Himself. What event in the life of Abraham (in this film segment) shows what would be involved in God's plan?
6. Who did God promise would come as a sacrifice for sin of His people?

Conclusion

God designed human beings in His image to love and enjoy Him, but people sinned against God and became separated from Him. God had a plan to bring people back into relationship to Him. This plan involved a promised Messiah: Jesus Christ, who would pay the penalty for sin.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 2: Birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26-33, 2:1-7)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Everyone has a birthday. Everyone enters life in the same manner. Even Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God who chose to identify with humanity by coming into the world in the same way as everyone else. He did this to share in our humanity and show that He is not only God but truly Man as well.

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Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What was Mary's reaction to the angel's words to her that she would give birth to the Messiah?
3. Why do you think the angel Gabriel said the baby would be a Holy Child?
4. Why do you think it is important that Jesus was born to a virgin?
5. Why was it important for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem? (Read Micah 5:2)
6. How did Mary and Joseph trust God in the events surrounding Jesus' birth?



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Conclusion

- It was Jesus' conception that was unique, not just His birth.
- Mary and Joseph both trusted in God during the time of Jesus' birth.
- Jesus was both God and Man as evidenced by His virgin birth to Mary.
- Jesus, the Son, existed with the Father before the world, the angels, or any other created thing.

Application Question

Has this Segment changed your mind about who you think Jesus is? If so, in what ways?



Looking Forward

Application

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Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 3: Childhood of Jesus (Luke 2:41-52)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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- That our community would draw closer to God

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Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus left us an example of how to grow in our personal life. This passage shows that He was obedient to His parents; He was obedient to God and grew in character in respect to God and men. One of the lessons that we can learn is that it is important to continue to improve our character as we journey through life.

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Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What does the old man (Simeon) say about Jesus?
3. How did Jesus amaze the teachers? Why would this have been unusual?
4. How does this passage show that Jesus is not only God but also, "perfectly Man"?
5. How did Mary and Joseph show they were raising Jesus correctly according to the religious customs dictated in the Old Testament?
6. What name does Jesus call God? What does this tell us about what He knew about Himself at this age?

Conclusion

Joseph and Mary obeyed God in how they raised Jesus by taking Him to the Passover feast, leaving us a good example of parenting. We know from the Bible that Jesus knew His mission in life by the time he was 12 years of age. God left us this account of Jesus' childhood to show how He grew up, but most of what is written about Him concerns His adult life and ministry, which God wants us to know.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

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Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 4: Baptism of Jesus by John (Luke 3:21-22)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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Looking Up

Introduction

This part of Luke begins the public ministry of Jesus. Jesus had walked from Galilee to the river Jordan to be baptized by John. Jesus was not baptized by John to show any sorrow for His sin, because He never sinned. He was baptized to show to all the world that He was representing us in both His life, as well as in His death

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think John was talking about when he said people should “repent?”
3. Since Jesus had never sinned, why do you think He wanted to be baptized?
4. When God spoke from heaven, why do you think God was pleased with Jesus?
5. The Bible teaches that God exists in three persons, yet He is one. This is called the “Trinity.” Can you find all three members of the Trinity in this passage? Who are they?
6. What does John say will be Jesus’ purpose in life?

Conclusion

Jesus did not need to be baptized for any sins, He was baptized to identify with people. In the Bible “repentance” means to change your mind about Jesus and live in a new way. We learn here that the purpose of Jesus’ ministry is to take away the sin of the world.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 5: The Devil Tempts Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

What makes Jesus unique among everyone who has ever lived? Was it His teachings? His miracles? Perhaps, but one of the things that separates Jesus from every other person is the fact that He never sinned, either in what He said or what He did. Though the devil tried to get Jesus to sin, he was not successful. This is the first time the devil is mentioned in the New Testament. If he could have gotten Jesus to sin, (like he did with Adam and Eve), the devil would have destroyed God's plan to save the human race.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Describe the ways the devil tempted Jesus.
3. Why is it important that Jesus quoted the Bible to the devil when He was tempted?
4. How does the fact that Jesus resisted temptation prove that He is the Son of God?
5. Why do you think it is important that Jesus had no sin?
6. What should we do when we are tempted?

Conclusion

Jesus proves He is God's Son by having no sin in His life. Jesus quotes from the Bible in order to help Him resist temptation. The devil tempted Jesus when He was weak. The devil continually tempts people in various areas of life. Consequently, Jesus is able to help us when we are tempted.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 6: Jesus Proclaims Fulfillment of the Scriptures (Luke 4:16-30)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

People have different reactions to Jesus. Some people accept His teachings but not the salvation He offers. Some never think about Jesus at all. And sadly, some people reject Him, like the people did in His own hometown of Nazareth.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What was Jesus saying about Himself when He read from the passage in Isaiah 61?
3. What do you think it tells us about Jesus that He is concerned about the poor, the blind, prisoners and the oppressed?
4. When Jesus uses the phrase "good news" in verse 18, what do you think that He means? Do you know another word that the Bible uses which means, "good news"?
5. Jesus mentions in verse 18 that the "Spirit of the Lord is on me." Where else so far have we seen the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life?
6. Why do you think the people rejected Jesus? What does their rejection of Him show about their hearts? What action did they take against Jesus?

Conclusion

Jesus began His public ministry by revealing He was the Messiah of the Old Testament. Jesus has a concern for both the physical and spiritual needs of people. God wants people to believe in His Son so they can be saved from their sins and enter into His Kingdom.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.



Looking Forward

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 7: Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

Introduction

How do people typically approach God? There are primarily two ways: either by obeying a list of rules or by having faith. Every religion except Christianity has a list of rules one must follow in order to be right with God. Christianity, by contrast, is the only belief system that approaches God through faith... not by keeping rules to earn His favor. Christianity accepts what God has done for us in Christ as the only way to be right with God. In the segment we're about to watch, a "Pharisee" is a religious leader in Israel who was responsible for teaching people about God. They had to keep many rules and laws. This made them feel superior to the people they were supposed to care for.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Tax collectors were hated by the people of Israel because they worked for the occupying Roman government and made the people pay high tax rates. Why do you think Jesus chose a tax collector for this story?
3. What is the attitude of the Pharisee as he prays? Why does he look down on other people?
4. What is the attitude of the tax collector? What does he ask God to do for him?
5. What do you think that the word "justified" means? (See Romans 5:1)
6. Which of the two men in the story do you think went home being right with God? Why?

Conclusion

Christianity does not require man to keep any set of rules to become right with God. Only faith. Pride keeps people from God because they trust in themselves instead of trusting in God. God gives mercy to humble people when they ask for it.



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Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 8: Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 5:1-11)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction – How You Can Be a Fruitful Witness

Jesus performed this miracle to show His disciples that He was the Messiah, and that they should follow Him and become “fishers of men.” They recognized that Jesus was the Messiah, and they left their fishing nets and followed Him. There is no experience in life more exciting and spiritually-rewarding than the adventure of fishing for people. As you follow Jesus’ instructions, your net too can be filled—even if you have never introduced anyone to Christ. You may be skeptical like Peter. But if you are also obedient, the Lord will use you to lead many people to become followers of Jesus.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What did Jesus ask Peter to do? Was it a suggestion or a command? What does it say about Jesus?
3. What was Peter’s reaction to Jesus’ words?
4. Why do you think Peter said that he was a “sinful man”? Why would he ask Jesus to depart from him after the miraculous catch of fish?
5. How did Peter, James, and John show their commitment to Jesus?
6. What do you think Jesus meant when He said they would become “fishers of men”?
7. What are some things that may keep you from talking to others about Jesus?
8. Jesus tells them “Don’t be afraid.” What do you think the disciples might have been afraid of after witnessing the miracle and hearing Jesus’ words to them?

Conclusion

For you to be a fruitful witness, you need to be confident you are a Christian and that there is no unconfessed sin in your life. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit. These are concepts from our earlier lessons together. Last, you must be prepared to share your faith by learning the story of the gospel. You can tell the story in your own words or show the last segment from The Jesus Film to a friend or neighbor who needs to know Jesus. Most importantly, you need to love people and take the initiative to GO and TELL the good news. Pray for opportunities and expect God to use you.



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Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.
- Prayer
 - Thank God for what we learned today.
 - Pray for others in our community.
 - Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 9: Jairus' Daughter Brought Back to Life (Luke 8:40-42,49-56)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

- Give something tangible from what God has given you to help others
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Looking Up

Introduction

Grief is a common human emotion. In this story a father is grieving because his daughter, who was sick, has now died. He had asked Jesus to come and heal her, but now it is too late. Jesus, however, tells the man only to believe and to not be afraid. Jesus then raised the daughter from the dead, bringing an end to the father's grief. The wonderful thing about Jesus is that though He may not do a miracle for us when we are grieving, He can heal our hearts and help us in times of grief and sorrow.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jairus begged Jesus to come help his daughter? What might this say about how he viewed Jesus?
3. What did Jesus tell Jairus when he found out his daughter was not dead?
4. How did the girl's parents react when Jesus said she was not dead but sleeping? Why do you think Jesus said this?
5. What does it show about Jesus that He can raise the dead?
6. What do you think Peter, James and John thought when they saw this miracle?

Conclusion

Jesus is able to raise people from the dead, proving again that He is the Son of God. Jesus has compassion for those who grieve. Jesus is able to help us with our fears of death and loss. Jesus asks us to believe that He is able to help us with our trials and difficulties.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 10: Disciples Chosen (Luke 6:12-16)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies -
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

It was always Jesus' intention to have His ministry continued by specific followers He chose and named "apostles." This word means "messengers." In contrast to how we might have chosen them, Jesus chose men who were poorly educated, worked at hard jobs, were considered "sinful," and were sometimes weak in their faith and commitment to Him. It shows us that Jesus can use anyone if they are willing to follow Him.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jesus spent the night in prayer to God before He chose His twelve apostles?
3. Jesus chose Matthew, a tax collector hated by those in his own country. What does this say about Jesus?
4. Why do you think Matthew got up from the toll gate and followed Jesus? What might Matthew have given up to follow Jesus?
5. Why would Matthew, after he is called by Jesus, have a dinner and invite all his friends to come and meet Him?
6. The word "apostle" means "messenger". From what you have learned so far, what would have been the message of the apostles when they went out to minister?



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Conclusion

If prayer was important to Jesus, it must be important to us as well. Jesus chose ordinary, even sinful people, to be His apostles. Jesus uses people to continue His ministry. Jesus wants us to introduce people to Him, just like Matthew did.



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 11: Beatitudes (Luke 6:20-27)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus wants those who believe in Him to follow Him as well. He knows that we are most fulfilled and blessed when we follow Him and obey His commands. In this section of the book of Luke, Jesus explains how people must think about themselves before they can become His followers. He describes His followers as “poor” and those who “hunger.” We will see that these two words describe an attitude of heart that accepts Jesus as Savior and opens the door to follow Him as Lord.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. When Jesus talks about the “poor in spirit,” He is talking about people who are spiritually poor rather than financially poor. What do you think it means to be “spiritually poor”?
3. In the same way, when Jesus talks about those “who hunger,” He is talking about spiritual hunger rather than physical hunger. What do you think it means to “hunger spiritually”?
4. There will be times that Christians are not liked by those who are not Christians. How are Christians to respond when they are treated badly?
5. Jesus says His followers are “blessed” if persecuted. How can someone be blessed who is being persecuted?
6. Why might it be hard for those who are rich in the things of this world to trust in Jesus?

Conclusion

To be a follower of Jesus means to be humble in your heart. To be a follower of Jesus means that you will find meaning and peace in obeying His commands. To be a follower of Jesus means that you will forgive those who treat you badly. To be a follower of Jesus means that you look forward to heaven where you will receive your reward.



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Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.



Looking Forward

- Prayer
- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.

Segment 12: Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:24-46)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

Many people admire Jesus. Many people praise His teachings. Many people go to church because they think that is what Jesus wants from them. But Jesus says that those who love and follow Him will do what He says. He does not say this so people can get to heaven by obeying His teachings, but to fulfill and bless their lives as they seek to obey Him. His teaching in the Sermon on the Mount describes the character of those who seek to follow Jesus and obey His teaching.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think people want to be rich? Why do you think Jesus spent so much time talking about money?
3. How did people who heard Jesus preach react to Him?
4. What does the word "mercy" mean? How do you think God shows mercy to people?
5. Why is it hard to forgive people when they have done things to hurt you? Is it hard for God to forgive us?
6. Based on Jesus' teaching in this passage, why do you think it is wrong to judge and condemn people?

Conclusion

Jesus again warns about how riches might keep you out of heaven. Jesus reminds us that God is merciful and we are also to show mercy to others. Jesus reminds us to forgive others because we have been forgiven. Jesus warns against judging others and becoming a hypocrite because we might be the same as those we judge.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward



Segment 13: Blessed are those Who Hear and Obey

This very short segment has no Bible Study.

Move ahead to Segment 14.

Segment 14: Sinful Woman Forgiven (Luke 7:36-50)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction – How You Can Experience God’s Love and Forgiveness

Jesus loved and spent time with tax collectors, prostitutes and the sick. (In those days sick people were considered sinful because of their illness.) Jesus never condemned these people; in fact, the only people He ever condemned were religious leaders who considered themselves better than others. Those religious leaders focused on a specific set of rules and regulations called “The Law” that people had to keep in order to earn God’s forgiveness and approval. The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross, has set us free—free from sin, free from having to earn God’s approval by our own works, and free from the bondage of guilt that comes from our inability to obey all that “The Law” demanded.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think the young woman was crying?
3. What was the reaction of the Pharisee to what the woman did? How was it different from the way Jesus reacted?
4. What was the point of the story about forgiveness that Jesus told the Pharisee?
5. How did the woman show that she believed in Jesus?
6. Why do you think Simon did not offer any hospitality to Jesus?
7. When Jesus says to the woman “your faith has saved you,” what do you think she was saved from?

Conclusion

To experience the same forgiveness as the young woman in this story, you must “breathe spiritually.” You exhale spiritually when you confess your sins by faith. The Bible promises that if you confess your sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive you and to purify you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). First, you agree that your sins are wrong and grieve God. Second, you recognize that God has already forgiven your sins through Christ’s death and the shedding of His blood on the cross. Third, you repent. You change your attitude, which results in a change of action. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, you turn from your sins and change your conduct. In the lesson for segment 26, we will learn about the second part of spiritual breathing: Inhaling, the filling of the Holy Spirit.



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Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.



Looking Forward

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.

Segment 15: Women Disciples (Luke 8:1-3)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
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Celebrate together

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Looking Up

Introduction

In Jesus' day the status of women was very low. In Greek culture, women were often viewed only as objects of pleasure. Many believed the Law said women are inferior to men. In fact, the Old Testament gives status and security to the women of Israel. However, in Jewish culture, women were under the authority of men and were considered the equals of slaves and minor children. Jesus valued women, which put Him at odds with His own culture.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

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Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. How would you feel if you were one of those who was healed by Jesus?
3. What does it tell us about those women who followed Jesus that they would support His ministry with their own money?
4. What were the 12 disciples learning from being with Jesus that would help them later in their ministry for Him?
5. What does it tell us about Jesus that He would let women minister to Him and let them follow Him as He taught and healed people?
6. Think about how are women generally viewed in your society. How does your culture compare to how Jesus treated or viewed women?

Conclusion

Jesus' view of women was radically different from that of Greek, Roman or Jewish culture. Jesus allowed women to travel with Him, support Him and minister to Him. Jesus set an example for us to treat women with respect, dignity and love.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 16: John the Baptist in Prison (Luke 7:18-23)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
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Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

It is natural for Christians to have doubts. Because we live in a sinful world, and are still troubled by sin ourselves, we will have doubts. We can doubt that God loves us, we can doubt that God will take care of us, and we can doubt if the Bible is true. This segment shows that even John the Baptist had doubts about who Jesus was. Jesus can help us with our doubts, just as He helped John the Baptist.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why did John send two of his disciples to Jesus? What do you think John was hoping to hear?
3. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to do miracles early in His ministry?
4. Why does Jesus answer the men from John by recounting what He has done (healing the sick, the blind, the lame)? Why not just answer, Yes, I am the One?
5. Even though John may have had his own doubts, how does Jesus describe him?
6. John had to rely on hearing about Jesus' ministry as opposed to actually seeing Jesus minister. How can learning about Jesus' miracles from the Bible help us to believe in Him?



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Conclusion

Doubt and faith are not incompatible. No one has perfect faith. Jesus' miracles prove that He is the Messiah, the One that John the Baptist was waiting for. Jesus did miracles early in His ministry to prove He was the Messiah. He did fewer miracles and more teaching as His ministry progressed. It is possible to believe in Jesus' miracles, even if you have not seen them, because the Bible is a true account of Jesus' life.

Application Question

Has this Segment changed your mind about who you think Jesus is? If so, in what ways?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond. Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other. Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.

Segment 17: Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Looking Back



Looking Up



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Introduction

Jesus taught the people through sermons, through questions and answers and in “parables.” Parables were extended analogies or inspired comparisons and were a common way during Jesus’ time of teaching others through telling stories. Another way of describing a parable is that it is “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.”

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What are the four soils that Jesus talks about in this parable? What does Jesus say each of these soils represents?
3. What do you think that Jesus means when He says, “Let him who has ears to hear, let him hear?”
4. What kind of temptation might cause people to give up their faith in God?
5. Jesus says that the good soil will yield a harvest of fruit. What is the spiritual fruit Jesus is talking about?
6. What can we do to prepare our soil so God can produce fruit in our lives?

Conclusion

Jesus explains why some believe and some don’t. Jesus explains how the Word of God is essential for people to believe. Jesus explains how riches keep people from faith.

Application Question

As a small group or Missional Community, how might you multiply your impact in the community where you live?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Step Four

04

It is time to multiply!

In Segment 17 of the *JESUS* film, Jesus teaches about fruitfulness. At this point, your small group will be ready to start again with Step One to plant another new community!

They will have already learned about Jesus' power over the devil, His power over nature, His power to heal sick people, forgive sin, the character of a Jesus follower and Jesus' expectation of fruitfulness.

You may have already identified a key follower, your Timothy, who will be able to lead this new group. Help him or her to follow steps 1-4 to start the new multiplying community!

We pray that God will bless you as you trust Him to use you as part of His great kingdom expansion!

THE NEW GROUP THAT STARTS SHOULD RETURN TO THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS BOOK TO BEGIN THE PROCESS AGAIN!
THOSE REMAINING IN THIS GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE ON WITH LESSON 18 AND BEYOND!

Segment 18: Parable of the Lamp (Luke 8:16-18)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

Think about what light does. Without light we would not be able to do anything after the sun goes down. We would live in fear of what is in the darkness. We would not be able to see where we are going without light. Light not only shows us potential dangers, but it brings comfort when we can see our loved ones and our surroundings. What would life be like without light? Think what it would be like to live in a place that is always in darkness!

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Jesus often uses common illustrations in His messages. What does this tell us about Him?
3. How do you think the example of light relates to people knowing the truth? Who is Jesus talking about when He talks about light?
4. What do you think Jesus means when He says, "Nothing is hidden that shall not be revealed." What event is He referring to?
5. Why would God judge people? What do you think is the reason for this?
6. What does it mean when He says, "More shall be given"? How would this relate to a Christian's life before they go to heaven?



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Application Question

What might you say to God if you had to stand before Him today and explain how you have lived?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 19: Jesus Calms the Storm (Luke 8:22-25)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Have you ever been in a life-threatening situation? Something like a storm, a flood, a fire, an automobile accident, a war or a severe illness? If you have, briefly share with the group your story and how it affected your life.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think it says about Jesus that He could fall asleep in the back of the boat when there was a raging storm occurring on the sea?
3. How would you have felt if you were in the boat during the storm? What emotions do you think you would have experienced?
4. What does Jesus say that the disciples were missing in their lives?
5. What does it say about Jesus that He could calm the storm with a word?
6. If the disciples truly had faith in Jesus, how do you think they would have acted during the storm?

Conclusion

Jesus shows that He is human by falling asleep during the storm, since He was tired from all His ministry. Yet, Jesus proves He is the Messiah by being able to calm the storm. Jesus expects the disciples should have known that He would take care of them. And He also expects that the disciples should have had the faith to believe in Him.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 20: Healing of the Demoniac (Luke 8:26-39)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

Introduction

One of the responsibilities of every Christian is to tell others about Jesus. This can be done in many ways and in many different settings. Jesus made this part of the Great Commission when He said, "Go into all the world and make disciples." The first part of making a disciple is telling someone about Jesus. In this story Jesus boldly approaches a man who was abandoned by everyone else. He proves He is the Son of God by having authority over demons.

Step 1 Watch the segment twice.

Step 2 Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3 Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4 Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What did the demons call Jesus? What does this show about their knowledge of who He is?
3. How did the demons affect the man who was possessed?
4. Why do you think the demons asked to be sent into the pigs? What might this tell us about demons?
5. What was the reaction of those who saw this happen? What do you think they thought about Jesus?
6. What did the man do after the demons left him? What do you think he thought about Jesus? What did Jesus tell him to do?

Application Question

What things do you fear? How might Jesus help you overcome your fear?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 21: Jesus Feeds 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus came to Earth primarily to bring us back into relationship with God by forgiving our sins. However, Jesus also cares about our physical needs. He will not always meet our needs in the way we desire, in order that we can learn to trust Him more. Jesus wants us to realize that each of us needs to help others both physically and spiritually. In this story Jesus miraculously provides for His disciples and 5,000 more!

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What issue were the disciples concerned about that they brought to Jesus' attention?
3. What do you think Jesus was trying to accomplish with His reply to the disciples?
4. What did their answer reveal about how the disciples were looking at the situation?
5. What does it say about Jesus that He could multiply the small amount of food and feed thousands of people.
6. What do you think the disciples learned from picking up the extra food?



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Application Question

How do you respond when your needs are far greater than your resources?

Having problems can help us learn to trust Jesus in difficult situations.



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 22: Peter Declares Jesus to be the Christ (Luke 9:18-22)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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Looking Up

Introduction

Eventually everyone has to decide what to believe about Jesus. Many people do not make an active choice but instead make a decision by avoidance. They decide to not decide about Him and go about living their lives indifferently. Others actively say, "Yes, I will follow Him" or, "No, I think He is a good man but I'm okay living my life on my own." In this passage, Peter had to make this decision for himself.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. How might what Peter saw and heard have influenced his declaration of who Jesus is?
3. Why would Jesus spend so much time praying? How could this serve as an example for His followers?
4. What does the fact that the crowds did not know who Jesus was say about them?
5. Who did the crowds say that Jesus was?
6. Why do you think Peter knew who Jesus was and the crowd did not?



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Application Question

How have other people influenced your view of Jesus? How did you decide who Jesus is?

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 23: The Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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Looking Up

Introduction

There are so many people who have ideas about what life is about. There are so many religions. There is so much information available to read about how to find meaning in life. Where do we turn to find out what we should believe? The answer to the biggest questions of life are actually quite easy: Listen to Jesus. Why? Because of what He said, because of what He did and primarily because He is the only person to ever rise from the dead. Jesus is the One we should listen to when we have questions about life.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Here again we see Jesus praying. What do you think Jesus might have been praying about?
3. What does it indicate about Jesus that His appearance changed? What word is used to describe His appearance?
4. Why do you think Moses and Elijah were there with Jesus? What were they talking to Jesus about?
5. What was Peter's reaction when he saw Jesus with Moses and Elijah? What do you think would have been your reaction?
6. Why do you think God redirected them to listen to Jesus?



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Application Question

If Jesus needed to pray frequently, how much more do we need to pray?

Are you content with your prayer life? Would you like to spend more time in prayer?

What are some things that keep you from praying more?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 24: Jesus Heals Boy from Evil Spirit

(Luke 9:37-45)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Introduction

Everyone has some degree of faith. The question is not whether you have faith but rather, what is the object of your faith. Every Christian is on a spiritual journey of faith, a journey that begins with faith in Jesus. Everyone is at a different place in their spiritual journey with Jesus and will demonstrate different degrees of faith. Our faith will never be perfect, but it can be plentiful. One of our prayers should be, Lord, increase my faith!

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Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Who was Jesus talking to when He says, "Oh faithless and perverse generation"? What is He criticizing?
3. Why would the evil spirit treat the son in such a manner? What does this tell us about the personality and character of Satan and his demons?
4. What does it say about Jesus that He can immediately rebuke the spirit and heal the boy?
5. What was the reaction of those who saw this miracle?
6. What does their reaction show us that they believed about Jesus?

Application Question

What in your life is troubling you the most right now?

How do you think Jesus might be able to help you with this situation?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 25: The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction – How You Can Pray with Confidence

It has been said, "Prayer is a dialogue between two people who love each other—God and man." Simply put, prayer is communicating with God. Prayer is much more than words, however. It is an expression of the heart towards God. It is an experience within a relationship more than an activity. As a child of God, you are invited to come boldly before Him in prayer.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think one of the disciples would ask Jesus to teach them to pray after He had finished praying?
3. To whom does Jesus say that we should direct our prayers? Why is this important?
4. When Jesus says, "Your Kingdom come," what is He indicating about the future?
5. What does it mean when Jesus asks God to supply "our daily bread"? What do you think is the significance of the word "daily"?
6. Why do you think Jesus connects our asking God for forgiveness with our willingness to forgive others who sin against us?
7. Why do you think it is sometimes hard to forgive those who have hurt or wronged us?
8. How might God help us in times of temptation?

Conclusion

Prayer is a privilege for us as Christians. We pray to have fellowship with God. We pray to express our needs and desires to God. We pray to bring our concerns and fears to Him. We pray to ask God to help those we care about. We pray for God to help others understand the gospel and come to Christ. God commands us to pray continually. We pray to the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We pray to God in adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. As we abide in Him, we can pray with confidence.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 26: Teaching about Prayer and Faith (Luke 11:9-13; 12:22-30; 17:5-6)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Introduction - How You Can Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

In teaching on prayer and faith, Jesus uses these pairs of words: “Ask”/“Given,” “Seek”/“Find,” “Knock”/“Opened.” He makes a key point about the Father’s desire to give us the fullness of the Holy Spirit, if we ask. As the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they received a supernatural power from God that changed them from fearful men to radiant witnesses for Christ. They were used by God to change the course of history. And this same power—the power of the Holy Spirit—is available to you to enable you to live a holy and fruitful life for Jesus Christ.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What conditions does Jesus put on how He will answer prayer? Why might there be some prayers God might not answer? Give an example.
3. What do you think Jesus means when He says, “If you then being evil”? Why is it that people can be both good and evil?
4. Read Ephesians 5:18 in your Bible. What command does God give us in this passage?
5. Why do you think it would be important for us to have the power of the Holy Spirit in us?
6. How might the Holy Spirit’s power be seen in the life of a Christian?

Conclusion

The Holy Spirit is God Himself. He came to live inside you the moment you received Christ as your Savior. The Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ and to lead believers into all truth. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with Christ. We are filled with the Holy Spirit by faith. First, each of us must desire to live a life that will please the Lord. Second, we must be willing to surrender our lives totally to Him. Third, we must confess every known sin which God brings to our remembrance. Then by faith, we must trust God to fill us with His Holy Spirit, and to give us the power to live the life He has in store for us.

Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 27: Woe to Those Who Cause Others to Sin (Luke 17:1-4)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Introduction

This is a very short segment, but its message is very important. It deals with sin and with our relationships with others. Jesus says that temptation is sure to come, but woe to the one who causes others to sin. Open your Bible to Luke 17:1-4 and read the verses that follow Jesus' words in this segment.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Temptations to sin are sure to come"?
What does this tell us about our lives?
3. What does Jesus say about those who cause offense to others?
What does this tell you about how Jesus values people and relationships?
4. Who do you think Jesus is talking about when He says, "Little ones"?
Why do you think that is significant?
5. How might you and I "offend" someone? Give some examples.
6. What are the steps we should take if our brother offends us?

Application Question

Has it been difficult for you to forgive others who have wronged you? Why or why not? What are some things you learned from this study that might help you?



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Application

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Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



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Segment 28: The Kingdom of God as a Mustard Seed

This very short segment has no Bible Study.

Move ahead to Segment 29.

Segment 29: Jesus Spends Time with Sinners

(Luke 5:29-32)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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Introduction

We tend to spend time with people that are like us. Many times, we avoid people who are different than we are, especially if those people are those we consider to be “bad people.” We might not know what to say to them. We might not know how to act around them. We might not want to be seen with them or we might just be uncomfortable being around them. Jesus, however, did not in any way feel uncomfortable being around “sinful” people. In fact, He seems to have spent significant time in the company of those considered to be outcasts of the society: tax collectors, the sick, the blind, those of foreign nationalities, lepers and even prostitutes.

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Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why would the Pharisees care if Jesus ate with “sinners”?
3. What do you think it means when Jesus says, “those who are well”? Who is He talking about?
4. Who is He referring to when He says, “those who are sick”? What does He mean by using the word “sick”?
5. What do you think the word “repentance” means? Where have we heard this word before? (Look back to Lesson 4 if time allows)
6. Why would the Pharisees view the tax collectors as “sinners”?

Application Question

Who are some of the people in your culture who might be considered outcasts?

How should you view those that your culture considers “sinful”?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 30: Healing on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-17)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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Introduction

Jesus was loved by the people, and He loved them in return. The only people who seemed to routinely not like Jesus were the religious leaders of Israel. Jesus often had harsh words for them, because they tried to control the people with laws and traditions that they invented. Jesus did not want to control people; He wanted to set them free. He also did not want money from people, like the religious leaders did, Jesus wanted their hearts.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What was the response of the woman who was healed? How do you think she felt about Jesus after she was healed?
3. What was the reaction of the synagogue ruler to Jesus? What do you think he thought about Him?
4. How does Jesus answer the synagogue ruler? How does Jesus' interaction with him reveal the man's heart?
5. What is a hypocrite? Can you give an example?
6. Why did the crowds recognize that Jesus was doing "glorious things" and the religious leaders did not? What does this fact say about both groups?

Application Question

What did you learn about Jesus from this lesson?

With whom do you identify more, the religious leaders or the crowd?



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Application

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Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 31: Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

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Introduction – How You Can Love by Faith

Love is the greatest thing in the world—the greatest privilege and power known to man. In this story a lawyer spoke the truth when he said we should love God and our neighbor as ourself. But then he asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus answers by telling a story in which a Samaritan (a people group hated by the Jews) is the only person who helps a man in desperate need. Only by God’s power (the strength Jesus gives us) can we truly love our neighbor unconditionally, just like God loves us.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What question is asked of Jesus at the beginning of this story?
3. How does Jesus answer the man? What does this tell us about the significance of the Bible?
4. What do you think is revealed about the lawyer’s heart by the second question he asks Jesus?
5. Who were the people that did not help the man who had been robbed? Why do you think they failed to help the wounded man?
6. How did the Samaritan show that “he loved his neighbor”? What did this love cost the Samaritan?
7. Can you make a list of people to whom you would like to show love to this week? How can your group show love to others in your community?

Conclusion – Five points to remember about Love

1. God loves us unconditionally.
2. We are commanded to love others.
3. We cannot love in our own strength.
4. We can love with God’s love.
5. We love by faith, just as we received Jesus by faith.

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond. Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other. Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.



Looking Forward

Segment 32: Healing of Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35-43)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

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Introduction

What would it be like to be blind? Perhaps you've known someone who is blind. Sometimes they must be dependent on others for things that people who can see take for granted. In Jesus' day, blind people were usually beggars. They received very little help from anyone, and culturally, people thought that blind people must have sinned to have become blind. Think for a moment what your life would be like if you were blind. How might your life be different?

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

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Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What does the blind man do when he hears that Jesus is passing by? What title does he give to Jesus as he shouts out? Why do you think that might be significant?
3. Jesus commands that the blind man be brought to Him. What do you think this reveals about the heart of Jesus?
4. What question does Jesus ask the blind man? How does he respond?
5. How did the man show his gratitude and love for Jesus after he was healed?
6. What was the reaction of the crowd? What do you think the crowd believed about Jesus?



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Application Question

If Jesus was standing in front of you right now, what would you ask Him to do for you?



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Application

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Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 33: Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

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Introduction

Christianity is the only religion whereby people can be saved without earning it through their own efforts or good works. Every other religion requires some form of works that people must perform in order to earn salvation. Christianity does have a place for works, however. Works become a part of a Christian's life after they are saved; not before. The good works that Christians do are the result of their changed life.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think Zacchaeus believed about Jesus? Why do you think he would climb a tree in order to see Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus invited Himself to Zacchaeus' house?
4. How did the crowd react to Jesus saying He was going to Zacchaeus' house? Why do you think they reacted in such a way?
5. How does Zacchaeus show that He has come to believe in Jesus? What changes does he appear to make in his life?
6. What does Jesus say is His purpose in coming to earth? What words does He use to describe His mission?



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Application Question

In what ways has trusting in Jesus changed your view of life?

Can you share some examples?



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Application

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Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 34: Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection (Luke 18:31-34)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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When famous people have biographies (reports about their life) written about them, often little is said about their death. Most of the biography focuses on who they were and what they did to become famous. Jesus, however, came to die. That was His mission. So, it should not surprise us that each of the Gospels (the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) has much written about the circumstances surrounding Jesus' death. In this passage Jesus, once again predicts His upcoming death and resurrection.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. This is actually the third time that Jesus has predicted His death to the disciples. Why do you think Jesus is repeatedly telling the disciples about what is going to happen to Him?
3. What does it say about Jesus that He knew how and when He was going to die before it happened?
4. If Jesus knew how He was going to die, and He is the Son of God, why didn't He take steps to avoid it?
5. After His death, when Jesus rises from the dead, what does that say about Him?
6. Why do you think what Jesus was saying about His coming death & resurrection was hidden from the disciples?

Application Question

Jesus knew that He was going to suffer and die in order to pay the penalty for our sins. He was fully willing to do this because of His love for us. What are some ways you can put the needs of others ahead of your own needs?

Who do you know among your friends or family that need to understand more clearly who Jesus is and what He did for them? What can you do this week to help them better understand this?

Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.



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Segment 35: Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-40)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

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Introduction

What is a king like? He has power, authority, people who serve him, and the ability to do whatever he wants. But notice how different Jesus is as a king! He puts the needs of His subjects first and seeks their happiness and blessing above all things. Currently, Jesus rules in the hearts of His followers, and ultimately, He will rule a kingdom that will last forever. In this passage, Jesus fulfills the prophecy from Zechariah 9:9. Read that verse out loud in your group.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think it shows us about Jesus that He knew exactly where the donkey would be? What might you have thought if you were the owner of the donkey?
3. Why did the disciples rejoice and praise God about Jesus? What do you think these disciples believed about Jesus?
4. What was the reaction of the Pharisees? Why did they react as they did? Why weren't they rejoicing with the crowd?
5. What does Jesus mean when He tells the religious leaders that if the people were silent, the stones would cry out in praise of Him?
6. In their culture, the spreading of palm branches and clothes on the ground before someone was a high honor reserved for royalty. What might this tell us about how they were treating Jesus?

Application Question

How do you tend to react when you think about Jesus? Do you honestly recognize Him as your Lord and King? Are there any areas of your life that you have not fully surrendered to Jesus? If so, what's keeping you from doing so?



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Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 36: Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
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Introduction

It can be very difficult to find peace in this world. The demands of life, the difficulties we face in our relationships with others and the suffering we experience while living in a sinful, fallen world can rob us of the peace we desire. In this passage, Jesus laments the fact that the nation of Israel (symbolized here by the city of Jerusalem) will not find peace because they have rejected Him.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jesus weeps when He sees Jerusalem? What does His weeping reveal about His heart for people?
3. In verse 42, what does Jesus say Jerusalem would have experienced if they had believed in Him? Why is this significant?
4. Jerusalem's unbelief caused their hearts to be hardened to the things of God, so they could not see Jesus — the Messiah — right before them. What might be some things that can cause our hearts to become hard?
5. What do you think it means to have peace in your life? What are some ways that people try to find peace in their lives?
6. What does Jesus say is going to happen to Jerusalem? Why does Jesus say this is going to happen?

Application Question

Have you ever experienced doubt or unbelief in your life? Can you share an example of this? What are some things Christians might do to help their faith grow stronger? Can you share some examples from your own life?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 37: Jesus Drives out Money Changers (Luke 19:45-48)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
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Looking Up

Introduction

In the Scriptures, Jesus talked about money more frequently than any other subject. That is likely because Jesus knew that money is a necessity for our daily lives. But it is also an excellent indicator of where our values lie. It's unfortunate that religion and money have a difficult history. Although there is nothing morally wrong with money itself, many religions try to get as much money from their followers as possible. It is also unfortunate that many religious leaders often use the money they collect from their followers to personally live luxurious lives. Jesus shows us in this story how He feels about those who seek to make money from religion. Here He is angry that they are taking advantage of people in the Temple, the very house of God.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What does it say about Jesus that He would get angry with those doing business in the Temple?
3. What does Jesus say the Temple is supposed to be? What do you think this means?
4. Why do you think Jesus objected to people selling offerings in the Temple?
5. How does Jesus describe those who were selling offerings in the Temple? Why do you think He refers to them this way?
6. Why do you think the religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus? Why were they having trouble finding a way to do it?

Application Question

Are there any areas of your life where you might be taking advantage of another person?

If so, what do you need to do in order to change the situation?

What are some things we can do to help us keep prayer as a top priority in our relationship with Christ?



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Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.



Looking Forward

- Prayer
- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 38: Widow's Offering (Luke 21:1-4)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction - How You Can Experience the Adventure of Giving

God loves widows and orphans. In Jesus' day, widows were usually among the poorest of people. In this story, we find a widow giving everything she had as an offering to God! She demonstrated a concept called stewardship. This is a belief that everything we possess belongs to God and we are simply "managers" of God's possessions. Your life can also exhibit stewardship. Giving by faith is meant by God to be an exciting privilege. When you honor God through your commitment and obedience to stewardship, He showers you with joy. He turns your giving into a thrilling adventure in Christian living.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Do you think it is easier for rich people to give money than for poor people?
3. Why would the widow give everything she had to live on? What does this tell us about her personal faith in God?
4. Why do you think Jesus spent so much time talking about money and the rich?
5. Share a way in which Satan might tempt you to give less. Be specific. How might you overcome this temptation in the future?
6. In your group, list several ways in which you might share your abundance with others in both material and non-material ways.
7. Do you think Jesus expects even poor people to give money to the church?

Conclusion

All that we have, we possess because God has provided it for us. So everything we have belongs to Him. Our task as "faithful stewards" is to manage those blessings to bring the maximum glory to His name. When we give freely of ourselves, and of our possessions, we are making a material expression of our spiritual dependence upon Christ. God knows our needs and He wants us to trust Him to provide for us. The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Philippi: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, NIV). By faith, God supplies all of our needs as we trust Him and as we give generously.

Application

- Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.
- Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.
- Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



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Looking Forward

Segment 39: Annas Questions Jesus' Authority (Luke 20:1-8)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

In our world today, people may say something without either knowing that it is true or even believing that it is true. Religions do the same thing by teaching things that cannot be proven true. If you believe, for instance, that a cow is sacred, how do you know that to be true? Where does that belief come from? If it is from a book, how do you know the book is reliable? Jesus is unique among religious leaders because His words proved to be true by His character, His teaching, His miracles, and His resurrection from the dead.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. How would you describe the attitude of the religious leaders when they came to question Jesus? What does this tell us about their hearts?
3. What question did they ask Jesus? Why do you think they asked Him that?
4. Jesus answered the religious leaders with a question. What question did He ask them? Why do you think He chose to answer them that way?
5. Why didn't the religious leaders believe that John the Baptist was sent by God? What do you think this shows about their hearts?
6. Where do you think Jesus got the authority to do miracles and teach? What does this say about Him?



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Application Question

Can you think of any areas of your life that you have not fully surrendered to Jesus? If so, what might convince you to surrender them?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 40: Parable of the Vineyard and Tenants (Luke 20:9-19)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

As a nation, Israel was God's chosen people. When Jesus came as the Messiah, they listened to Him teach, they looked at His character, and they watched Him perform miracles. They praised Him as their King when He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, but in just a few days, their religious leaders lead the people to reject Him. Knowing this is going to happen, in this segment, Jesus shares a story with the people about the owner and farmers of a vineyard (a garden where grapes are grown). Through this story, Jesus warns about the consequences of rejecting Him.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think is the meaning of this parable? Who is Jesus talking about?
3. What does Jesus say is going to happen to those who kill the owner's son?
4. Jesus often quotes passages from the Old Testament that referred to the Messiah. Why do you think He does this? What does this tell us about Jesus?
5. What do you think Jesus is referring to when He says the stone that was rejected turns out to be the most important stone of all?
6. Read Luke 20:19. What was the reaction of the Jewish leaders? What prevented them from doing what they wanted to do?



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Application Question

Jesus experienced rejection from the Jewish leaders. How do you deal with feelings of rejection?

How might Jesus help you when you feel rejection?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 41: Paying Taxes to Caesar (Luke 20:20-26)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

During the time of Jesus' ministry, the nation of Israel was ruled by the Romans. They had a governor responsible for maintaining order and collecting taxes but let the Jews have their own king to help manage the country (King Herod was such a king). The Jews hated paying taxes to the Romans because the Romans were not Jewish (they were "Gentiles", meaning, "non-Jews"), and because the Romans used the taxes they paid to keep the Jews in subjection.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What new way do the Jewish leaders use here to try and trap Jesus? What does this show about their desire to kill Jesus?
3. What do we call someone who pretends to be something they are not? Do you think this is common among people everywhere? If so, why?
4. Jesus knew that the religious leaders were trying to trap Him. What does it say about Him that He was not intimidated by them?
5. How does Jesus answer their question? What do you think He means by the question he asks back to them?
6. Why do you think the religious leaders could not trap Jesus with questions?

Application Question

Are there any areas of your life where you pretend to be something you are not? If so, confess those to God right now. He desires us to be completely honest about ourselves.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 42: The Last Supper (Luke 22:14-23)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Passover was a Jewish feast instituted by God in the Old Testament. It was an especially holy event for the Jewish people which commemorated the time when God spared them from the plague of physical death and brought them out of slavery in Egypt. The Last Supper brought the Old Testament observance of the Passover feast to its fulfillment. During the Last Supper with His disciples, Jesus took two symbols associated with Passover and gave them fresh meaning. The bread and the wine help us remember His sacrifice, which saves us from spiritual death and delivers us from spiritual bondage.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jesus wanted to share this last meal with the 12 disciples?
3. Twice in this story Jesus mentions the "kingdom of God." To what do you think He is referring to?
4. What does the bread symbolize? What does the wine symbolize? What event do they both give reference to?
5. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do in the future when they partake of the bread and the wine?
6. What does Jesus say that one of the disciples is going to do to Him? How hard do you think it was for Jesus to talk about this?

Application Question

How often do you take time to personally reflect upon and remember the death of Christ? Have you ever been betrayed by someone? How did it make you feel? Do you think Jesus felt the same way?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 43: Upper Room Teaching (Luke 22:26-38)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Everyone's natural instinct is to be first; no one wants to be last. Jesus, however, reverses this type of thinking. Jesus says that if you want to be first, you must actually put others first. Many people want to be leaders, but few people want to serve. Jesus again reverses this and says that if you want to be a real leader, you must learn to serve others. Jesus modeled exactly these things. He continually put others first and He became the ultimate servant by giving His life for us so we could be saved.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. How does Jesus' life serve as an example of someone who was a servant-leader? What are some examples from His life?
3. Do you think it is a contradiction to be a servant-leader? What might it look like for you to be a servant-leader?
4. Why do you think Jesus would tell Peter that Satan was going to attack him?
5. How does Peter respond to Jesus' warning? That he's willing to go to prison or die for Jesus. Do you think Peter meant what he said in response to Jesus?
6. In what ways was Jesus trying to prepare His disciples here for their mission following His resurrection?

Application Question

What are some specific ways that you might serve others as you follow the example of Jesus?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 44: Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested (Luke 22:47-53)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus' life is actually all about His death. For everyone else, their "life" consists of everything they have done up to their death. Death is the last event that occurs for people and is normally looked upon with sadness because people we love have been taken away from us. But for Jesus, His death was the most important event in His life. Jesus' death made it possible for people to become right with God through believing in Him.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think causes people to betray others they know?
3. What does Jesus say to Judas? What do you think His words say about His relationship to Judas?
4. What is the reaction of the disciples when they see that Jesus is about to be arrested?
5. What words does Jesus use to show that He is ready to be taken into custody?
6. Why do you think the religious leaders came at night to seize Jesus? Why do you think Jesus uses the phrase "power of darkness" here?



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Application Question

Judas betrayed Jesus for money. Is there any amount of money that would cause you to betray a friend?

Are there any things in your life that you are tempted to treat as more important than Jesus?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 45: Peter Disowns Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Have you ever done something that you regret? How did it make you feel? Were you ashamed, guilty, or maybe filled with remorse? Have you made a promise to someone that you failed to keep? How did that make you feel? In either of those situations, what did the other person think about you? This story explores both of those things in Peter's life: his betrayal and his failure to keep his promise.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Peter denies knowing Jesus?
3. What do you think his denial can teach us about ourselves... our hearts, emotions, and our will?
4. Jesus had predicted that Peter would deny Him three times. What does this tell us about Jesus?
5. What does it teach us about Jesus that He did not reject Peter on account of his betrayal? What does it show us that Peter eventually became a key leader in the early church?
6. Think back to the Segment 14 lesson about "Spiritual Breathing." How might we apply that to Peter's situation in this lesson?



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Application Question

Think about something really bad that you've done. Do you think Jesus would forgive you for what you have done? If so, why? If not, why not?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 46: Jesus is Mocked and Questioned (Luke 22:63-71)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

Introduction

This part of Luke begins a time of humiliation for Jesus at the hands of both the Romans and the Jewish leaders. Although He could have called a multitude of angels to rescue and protect Him, Jesus submits Himself to this treatment because it was part of God's plan to redeem mankind.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jesus did nothing to stop the cruel way He was being treated?
3. How did the guards treat Jesus? Why do you think they treated Him this way?
4. Do you think the religious leaders really wanted to know if Jesus was the Messiah? Why would they ask Him this question?
5. Several titles are used in this passage to describe Jesus. What do you think each of these say about Him?
6. At the end of this film segment, the religious leaders ask Jesus one final question. How does Jesus answer them? What do you think this says about Him?



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Application Question

Think about a time in your life when you have experienced suffering. How did you react? How do you tend to deal with suffering?

Can you share any examples of how God has brought something good out of suffering that you've experienced?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 47: Jesus is Brought to Pilate (Luke 23:1-5)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

Introduction

Christianity is not about politics. However, many Christians around the world believe that some political parties are more worthy of Christians' support than are others. People for centuries have tried to use Jesus to support their positions on various political matters. Yet Jesus did not come for political gain. Instead, He came to seek and save the lost (See Luke 19:10).

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why did the religious leaders have to take Jesus to Pilate? What did they accuse Jesus of doing?
3. Did Jesus claim to be a king in the political sense? Why do you think the religious leaders accuse Jesus of this to Pilate?
4. How does Jesus respond when asked if He is the Son of God? Why do you think He responds this way? In the middle of this segment, what did Pilate conclude about Jesus? How did the Jewish leaders respond?
5. Why do you think Pilate decides to send Jesus to Herod? What does this reveal about Pilate's character?

Application Question

Jesus desires to rule in our lives. If you are honest, how fully do you let Him direct your life? How can we encourage each other to surrender more of our lives to Christ?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 48: Jesus is Brought to Herod (Luke 23:6-12)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Herod was staying in Jerusalem because it was the time of the Passover celebration. He was the king of Galilee, the area of northern Israel which contains the city of Nazareth, the city where Jesus grew up. Herod ruled only with the permission of the Romans. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Herod would become a significant persecutor of Christians and would eventually kill the Apostle James. Up until Pilate sent Jesus to him, Herod hadn't yet met Jesus, although it appears he had heard of Him. Herod was a proud man whom God ultimately struck dead while he was accepting the worship of the people (See Acts 12:21-23).

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why did Herod want to see Jesus? What did Herod want Jesus to do for him?
3. Why do you think that some people are only interested in meeting Jesus so that He will do something miraculous? What does that reveal about their hearts?
4. Why do you think Jesus did not respond to Herod?
5. What did Herod do when Jesus would not answer him?
6. Why do you think Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate?



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Application Question

Why are you following Jesus? Is it honestly because He is the Lord and worthy of all glory and honor? Or is it because you want Him to do something for you?

Have you ever found yourself wanting the approval of others rather than wanting to please God? Can you share any examples?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 49: Jesus is Sentenced (Luke 23:13-25)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Sometimes we can face pressure from people around us to act a certain way. That pressure can affect our willingness to do what we believe is right, for fear of what others might think. Such fear can make us do things that we might not otherwise do or can cause us to not do things that we should do. Pilate seems to have acted out of fear in the way he treated Jesus. Luke 23:20 says that Pilate desired to free Jesus, but he gave in to the crowd's wishes as they increased their demands.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What was Pilate and Herod's verdict on Jesus' guilt? On what do you think they based their conclusions?
3. Why didn't Herod or Pilate believe the accusations against Jesus brought by the Jewish leaders? What do you think this tells us about the Jewish leaders?
4. Why did Pilate offer Barabbas' freedom to the Jewish leaders and the people?
5. Pilate wanted to release Jesus, but he did not. What convinced him to grant the request to crucify Jesus? What emotions do you think Pilate was feeling?
6. Why didn't Jesus do anything to stop Pilate or the Jewish leaders?

(See Matthew 26:52-54)

Application Question

How do you think that fear affects you? Can you think of an example to share?

How do you normally deal with your fears? What do you think God would desire you to do with your fears?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 50: Jesus Carries His Cross (Luke 23:26-31)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

- That we would be better followers of Jesus
- That our community would draw closer to God

Giving and Sharing

- Give something tangible from what God has given you to help others



Looking Up

Introduction

In this segment, Jesus carries the very cross on which He will soon die. Luke, the human author of this biblical book, undoubtedly wanted to highlight the contrast of Jesus walking along a road through crowds of people on the way to His death with that of His “triumphal entry” to Jerusalem just days before.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Why do you think Jesus wasn't able to carry His own cross the whole way? What might this say about His treatment by the Romans?
3. Simon of Cyrene is identified as the man forced to carry Jesus' cross when He was unable. What do you think Simon may have experienced while he was carrying Jesus' cross?
4. What was the reaction of the women watching Jesus? What emotions do you think they were experiencing?
5. Why do you think Jesus tells the women to not weep for Him but to weep for themselves?
6. In what ways do you see the love of Christ exhibited in this story?



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Application Question

What is your opinion - Is it easier for you to deal with physical suffering or extreme emotional suffering? Please explain.

In another Bible passage, Simon of Cyrene is identified as the “father of Alexander and Rufus”, which seems to indicate that the early church knew them. Most theologians would say this implies that they must have become Christians. How has your commitment to follow Jesus influenced your family?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segments 51-54: Jesus is Crucified (Luke 23:32-43)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Looking Up

*This lesson utilizes *JESUS* film segments Jesus Is Crucified, Soldiers Gamble for Jesus' Clothes, Sign on the Cross, and Crucified Convicts*

Introduction

Forgiveness can be difficult. When we are hurt by someone, we may experience pain, loss, anger, and in some cases, bitterness. A natural reaction to being hurt is to want to seek revenge. Yet while on the cross, Jesus forgives those who put Him there. In our lives, forgiving those who have hurt us actually serves to free us. Forgiveness helps take back the ability we've given others to negatively affect us and brings us peace with God. May we follow Jesus' example!

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Jesus' first words from the cross involve forgiveness. To whom do you think Jesus is referring? What does this reveal about the love of Christ?
3. When the people say, "He saved others, let Him save Himself," what do you think they mean? Do you think the people would have believed in Jesus if He had come down from the cross? Why or why not?
4. What do you think the criminal means when he asks Jesus to remember him when He comes as King?
5. How is the experience of the criminal who expresses belief in Jesus an example of how all people come to Jesus?
6. Those watching understood that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah. What do you think they were thinking as they saw Him on the cross?



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Application Question

Is it difficult for you to forgive people? Which types of offenses are more difficult for you to forgive? How might Jesus' example of forgiveness help you?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond. Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other. Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.

Segment 55: Death of Jesus (Luke 23:44-49)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel approached God through the Temple. The Temple was where they brought their sacrifices and worshipped God together. Once every year, the “High Priest” (the priests over all others) brought a special sacrifice in an inner chamber of the Temple called the “Holy of Holies”. This sacrifice was to “atone” (cover) for the sins of the people. The Holy of Holies was separated from the rest of the Temple by a large curtain. In today’s segment, we see that this curtain was torn as Jesus died. This showed that the way to God would now be only through Jesus’ death, not through a sacrifice brought by a priest.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. Darkness fell over the land for the three hours before Jesus died. What do you think that darkness represented?
3. What do you think Jesus was indicating when He said, “Father into Your hands I commit my spirit”?
4. What was the reaction of the people who were watching Jesus?
5. What was the reaction of the captain of the soldiers who was watching Jesus die? Do you think he believed in Jesus?
6. Why would the captain acknowledge that Jesus was a “righteous man” while the Jewish leaders rejected Him? What do you think we can learn from this?



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Application Question

Jesus shows a great amount of trust in God in dying on the cross. How might His trusting in God serve as an example to us?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 56: Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:50-56)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

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- Worship

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph went to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body. He was a member of the same Jewish council that had condemned Jesus, but he had not agreed with their decision. The parallel passage in John makes an interesting comment that Joseph was a "secret" disciple, because he was afraid of the Jewish leaders (See John 19:38). Yet, after Jesus' death, he displayed bravery by going to Pilate to ask for permission to bury Jesus.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. How is Joseph described in this story? Why do you think he did not go along with the Jewish council's condemnation of Jesus?
3. How do you think Joseph might have felt when he saw Jesus crucified?
4. Where did Joseph take Jesus' body? What did he do to prepare Jesus' body for burial?
5. Who is present during Jesus' burial? Why do you think this might be significant?
6. How might you have felt if you had been with these women who were following Jesus?



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Application Question

How might someone act who is a "secret disciple" of Jesus?

Have you ever been tempted to act like a "secret disciple" of Jesus?

Can you share an example?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 57: Angels at the Tomb (Luke 23:56-24:7)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Looking Up

Introduction

The women who came to the tomb early Sunday morning had to wait all day Saturday before they could bring the spices to anoint Jesus' body. This was because they were forbidden to do any work on the "Sabbath" (Saturday—the day when Jewish people worship). What might they have been thinking during that entire day when they had to wait? Was their hope gone? Did they try to encourage each other? Did they try to figure out what had happened to Jesus, whom they thought was the Messiah? What thoughts might they have had as they walked to the tomb early Sunday morning?

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What do you think the women were expecting to do that Sunday morning?
3. What do they discover when they arrive at the tomb? What do they find inside? What do you think would have been your reaction?
4. As the women are wondering, two angels appear. What do the women do when they see the angels?
5. What do the angels tell the women about Jesus? What was the reaction of the women to the words of the angels?
6. Jesus had repeatedly told His followers that He would die and then be raised to life. But these women seemingly did not previously understand. What changes after they meet the angels?

Application Question

Do you remember what you thought the first time you heard about Jesus' resurrection? Was there any part of the story you had a hard time believing?

Is there any part you have a hard time believing now?



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.



Looking Forward

Segment 58: The Tomb is Empty (Luke 24:9-12)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

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Looking Up

Introduction

Jesus' resurrection is undoubtedly the most important event in the history of the world. Without the resurrection, Jesus is merely another man. In fact, without the resurrection, Jesus should be considered a lunatic. This is because during His life He consistently told His disciples that He was going to rise from the dead, and He proclaimed Himself to be the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. Without the resurrection, Jesus' claims are merely like the rantings of a crazy person. But by rising from the dead, Jesus actually proved beyond any doubt that He was both fully God and fully man, as He claimed to be.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What was the first thing the women did after seeing that Jesus' tomb was empty? What does this tell us about what they might have been feeling?
3. What was the reaction of the disciples to the women's report? Why do you think they reacted in this way? How might the women have felt to receive this reaction?
4. Jesus had actually told the disciples many times about what was going to happen to Him. Why do you think they did not believe Him?
5. It is interesting that Jesus allows the fact of His resurrection to be discovered first by women. What might that indicate?
6. Why do you think Peter runs to the tomb and goes inside? What do you think might have been going through Peter's mind when he sees that it is empty?

Application Question

What does the fact of Jesus' resurrection mean to you personally? How has it changed your life?



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Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 59: Resurrected Jesus Appears

(Luke 24:33-49)

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Introduction

We have talked previously about doubt. In this passage Jesus appears to all of the disciples in a room, startling and frightening them. One would think that they would be happy to see Jesus again. Instead they doubt that it is really Him. There certainly are reasons for their doubts. Think of what they had been through in the previous three days. Luke tells us Jesus, “opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures” (v. 45). Jesus reassures them, and they finally come to believe that He is truly alive.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. When Jesus appears to them, what is the first thing He says? Why do you think He says this?
3. Luke writes that at first the disciples think Jesus is a ghost. Why do you suppose they might think that?
4. No one says anything out loud, yet Jesus knows they are thinking He is a ghost. What does that say about Jesus that He knew what they were thinking and feeling?
5. How does Jesus address their fears and doubts? What does He encourage the disciples to do in order to prove that He is truly alive?
6. Why do you think Jesus takes them back to the Old Testament Scriptures to explain how all of the prophecies about the Messiah were fulfilled in Him? What does that teach us about the importance and authority of the Bible?

Application Question

What can we learn from this story in order to deal with doubts when they come into our lives?



Looking Forward

Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond.

Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other.

Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for others in our community.
- Pray for one another in your group.

Segment 60: Great Commission and Ascension (Luke 24:50-53)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Giving and Sharing

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Introduction – How You Can Help Fulfill the Great Commission

(Have someone in your group read Matthew 28:16-20 in their heart language if possible)

Jesus' command to His followers to tell others the message of salvation has come to be known as the Great Commission. Every Christian is commanded to be involved in helping to reach the world for Christ. Each of us has an important, God-given role to play in helping to fulfill His Great Commission.

Step 1: Watch the segment twice.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the segment in their own words.

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions:

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What are the specific commands that Jesus gives His disciples in the Great Commission?
3. Is this commission meant for the disciples only, or is it a calling for all believers? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think Jesus tells us as His followers that He has "all authority in heaven and Earth?" How might that be significant to us as we seek to share Christ with others and seek to plant new missional communities?
5. Read Acts 1:8-9. (This is another account of Jesus' Great Commission and ascension.) Why do you think Jesus told his disciples to start first in Jerusalem? Why was that significant? Then what does Jesus say they are to do next?
6. Based on the passage we just read from Acts 1, to whom were the disciples commanded to take the gospel? What might this tell us about how Jesus views all people?
7. Can you think of a people group in your country that needs to hear the gospel? How could you be the one to GO and tell them about Jesus?

Application Question

How can you help fulfill the Great Commission? First, be sure you are [personally] committed to Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. Second, pray for God to guide you. Third, as God answers your prayers, plan where you will GO. Fourth, seek training from other mature Christians. Fifth, take the initiative and GO. Find a Christian friend to go with you to share the gospel with others – they desperately need Him.



Looking Up



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond. Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other. Share today's story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.



Looking Forward

Segment 61: Invitation to Know Jesus Personally (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)



Looking Back

Care for one another

- Pray for one another
- Share from your lives (health issues, family, finances, spiritual needs, sports, etc.)

Celebrate together

- With song, instrument, dance or testimonies
- Worship

Cast vision for your group and each other

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Introduction - How You Can be Sure You Are a Christian

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, ESV).

Over the centuries since Jesus lived on Earth, millions of people have invited Christ into their lives. However, many of them have done so over and over again since they have not been certain of their salvation. They have had no assurance of Christ’s abiding presence, no confidence that, if they died today, they would go to be with the Lord in heaven. Are you confident of your salvation? Know that a commitment to Christ involves all three of these: intellect, emotions and will.



Looking Up

Step 1: Watch the segment twice to understand the opportunity to receive Christ.

Step 2: Ask a member of the group to tell the story of the new life Jesus offers us in the gospel explained in the clip

Step 3: Allow the group to fill in any gaps in the story or make any corrections.

Step 4: Discussion questions.

1. What did you like the most about the story? What caught your attention?
2. What does the word “sin” mean to you? How did Jesus pay the price for your sin?
3. The Christian life is to be lived by faith, not emotions. What place does emotion have in your Christian life? How and when can emotions be misleading?
4. Why do you think it is important that you be certain of your salvation?
5. Share with the group your own story of how you came to know Jesus.

Conclusion

There are four essential truths you need to understand to be sure you are a Christian:

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.
2. We are all sinful and separated from God; therefore, we cannot experience His love and plan for our lives apart from Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus Christ is God’s only provision for man’s sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God’s love.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love.

Watch this segment one more time. If you have never been certain of your salvation, then this time as you watch the segment, pray with certainty to receive Jesus. If you have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, you can be sure you are a Christian based on the promises of His Word.



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Application

Share together in your group how you believe God would want you to respond. Practice telling the story (from step 2) to each other. Share today’s story with others and invite them to come to your next group time.

Prayer

- Thank God for what we learned today.
- Pray for one another in your group.
- Pray for others in our community.



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