

Wednesday Night Teen Small Group: Teacher Guide

Security of the Saved #4

Discussion Guide

Meet Back for Worship at 7:45

Peaks and Valleys

- What is a peak of your week (good thing; how did you see God working in your life this week) what is a valley of your week (a struggle or difficulty)

Prayer

- Prayer Requests?
- Pray together.

Lesson

1. **REVIEW:** What is salvation?
 - a. deliverance from sin and its consequences
2. **REVIEW:** How are we saved? Works? Good deeds?
 - a. We are saved by grace and can do nothing to earn it.
 - b. Remind the students that all these topics aren't Richard's, mine, yours, or some random author's thoughts, but they are all found in scripture in the Bible.
3. **REVIEW:** What is Grace?
 - a. God's unearned and undeserved kindness.
 - b. When God gives us something we don't deserve.
4. **REVIEW:** Why is salvation important?
 - a. Answers may include but not limited to: It allows fears to be dealt with, it gives us confidence for the work at hand, and offers us emotional stability so we aren't always worried about hell.
5. **REVIEW:** What 4 ways does God forgive?
 - a. Completely, Repeatedly, Instantly, and Freely
6. **SAY:** Lies are from the Devil and the truth is from God.
7. **READ:** John 8:44
 - a. Notice where it says "...there is no truth in him [devil]. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
8. **READ:** Numbers 23:19
 - a. At the beginning of this verse, it says, "God is not a man, so he does not lie..."
9. **SAY:** Apart from Jesus, Satan's lies have trapped every human (except for Jesus) and we believe his lies.
 - a. The devil also tries to get Christians to doubt their salvation in Christ to make us feel insecure.
10. **ASK:** Can you think of a time in your life where you doubted your salvation?
11. **ASK:** During this time, did you think of all the sins you have done?

12. **ASK:** Why do you think we remember in the sins so much and what can we do instead?
 - a. Remind students that it is good that they feel a bit uncomfortable with their sin because this means they are still “WALKIN IN THE LIGHT.”
 - b. Answers may include: Instead, we can remember how much God loves us and remember that he has forgive us.
13. **READ:** James 4:7
 - a. If we resist the devil (and his lies), he will flee from us.
14. **ASK:** Do we deserve Grace?
 - a. We don’t deserve to be forgiven, but that doesn’t matter because God forgives us anyway.
15. **ASK:** What good news do we need to remind ourselves of and share with others who are feeling like they do not have salvation?
 - a. **READ:** Romans 5:6-8 & 20
 - b. **STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW BAD YOU ARE AND START THINKING ABOUT HOW GOOD GOD IS.**
16. **SAY:** The devil tells us that we don’t deserve forgiveness, and this is true, but the good news is that God’s grace is not offered to those that deserve it. Grace and forgiveness are offered to those who fully put their faith in Him.
17. **SAY:** The devil tells us that our sin is too bad.
18. **ASK:** What would you tell someone who has committed a terrible sin and has asked God’s Forgiveness?
19. **ASK:** Why is it easier for us to tell someone that but harder for us to tell ourselves that?
20. **READ:** Romans 6:1-6 & 16
 - a. **ASK:** How are we buried with Christ through his death? Baptism
 - b. **ASK:** What does verses 5-6 tell us? If we are united with him through his death in baptism then we will be united with him in heaven, because our old self has died and a new one is born.
21. **SAY:** Christ dying for us is not a license for us to sin, but it is a demonstration of the mercy and grace of God.
22. **SAY:** The devil tells us if you still want to sin you have no hope.
23. **ASK:** Is this true? Do we have hope even though we still want to sin?
 - a. **SAY:** Just because you are a Christian, it doesn’t mean sin will disappear. It just means that resisting temptation is sometimes easier for a Christian only because God is on their side and they have the desire to do stop sinning, but it doesn’t mean that we will not be tempted/want to sin.
24. **ASK:** What is temptation?
 - a. **Temptation:** a desire to sin.
25. **ASK:** Is it a sin to be tempted (Rephrased...Is it a sin to want to sin?)
 - a. No. Jesus was even tempted.
 - b. **READ:** Hebrews 4:15.... The high priest is Jesus in this text and shows he was tempted as well.
26. **SAY:** It is normal to feel hopeless when you sin, but the devil will use this hopelessness against you because you feel powerless to overcome this sin the next time. In reality, you are never hopeless. If you are a Christian, you have your Heavenly Father there to give you hope.
27. **ASK:** Who can tell me the story of the Prodigal Son?
 - a. A student may ask you what a prodigal is...it is a person who spends money in a recklessly extravagant way.

- b. If nobody knows the story, have them read a bit of Luke 15:11-31.
- 28. **ASK:** Who do you think is the Father in this story and who do you think the Prodigal Son is?
 - a. Answers may include: Father is our Heavenly Father (God) and the Son is us (sinners)
- 29. **ASK:** Silly Question...Do you think God is a partier?
 - a. **Read:** Luke 15:22-24
 - b. **Say:** This shows us that God celebrates when we repent of sins and follow him again. He isn't mad at us, but is happy we have returned.
 - c. **ASK:** Why do you think it is so hard for us to imagine God throwing a party for us when we return to him?
- 30. **ASK:** What can we do to help others see how much God loves them and that he will forgive them?
- 31. **ASK:** What can we do to help ourselves see how much God loves us and that he will forgive us?

Closing Prayer

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