



Week 1: Know It

1 WHAT IS SALVATION AND WHY WOULD I NEED IT?

- A. Salvation is the "saving [of] human beings from **sin** and its consequences, which include **death and separation** from God."
- I. Think of something that could separate you from another person. Whether that be a wall, distance, death... You no longer have access to them. That's exactly what happens when we sin! It completely separates us having access to God!
- B. Romans 3:23 - "for **all** have sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard."
- I. Think of a time you've messed up and done something you shouldn't have (E.g.: Lying, swearing, gossiping, hate, pride)
- a. That qualifies us to face consequences and separation from God if NOT saved.

2 HOW DO YOU GET SALVATION?

- A. Romans 10:9 - "If you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
- B. To confess simply means to **say it out loud** where you can hear it.
- I. Example: Say your name out loud - You just confessed your name
- II. To believe in your heart is to **know that Christ's death and resurrection is TRUE and for YOU!**
- a. Example: What if I told you I am going to give you candy in small groups next week? The same way you can believe that, is the same way you can believe Christ died to save you! It's because He said it in His Word!

3 WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN PERFECT? COULD I STILL BE SAVED?

- A. Ephesians 2:8-9 - "For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through **faith** —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by **works**, so that no one can boast."
- I. Grace - Underserved, unearned **Favor** of God
- II. Faith - the assurance of things hoped for, the confidence of things not seen
- a. To put it simply: Faith **takes** what grace has made **available**.
- i. Example: If you receive a gift for your birthday, do you try to earn it before you take hold of it? No! You claim it as yours and receive it because it's a GIFT!
- 1) it's the same with grace! Grace is a gift, and faith just takes the gift made available!

RECAP QUESTIONS:

- Why do you need salvation?
We all have fallen short
 - What does sin do?
Separates us from God
 - How do we get saved from our sin?
Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth
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Week 2: Have It

LAST WEEK RECAP - POP QUIZ

- Whoever reaches the ball in the middle of the circle gets to answer the question.
- If you answer correctly, you get a prize.
 - a. What separates us from God?
Sin
 - b. How do you receive salvation?
Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart
 - c. What does it mean to confess with your mouth?
Speak something out loud where you hear it
 - d. Why can you still get saved if you are imperfect? (Mess up)
We have been saved by GRACE through faith, not our works.

ACTIVITY

- A. Take 5 minutes in groups and have the students write why they need salvation for themselves. (Even if they've already received salvation.)
 - l. Have students go around the room and share what they put on their note card.
- B. Salvation Call
 - l. Do you want to receive the gift of salvation? – Have students raise their hands!
 - a. If you have already received this gift, you do not need to raise your hand!
 - i. If you received this gift at a church camp, a church service, or even at home with your family!
 - b. LET'S CONFESS WITH OUR MOUTHS AND BELIEVE IN OUR HEARTS!
 - i. Repeat after me, "Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart and into my life. I receive You now and boldly confess You as my Lord. Thank You for rescuing me from my sins and dying in my place. I am now a child of God and heaven bound."
- C. Celebrate!
 - l. Celebrate them and congratulate them on making the best decision of their lives!
 - a. Take this moment and talk with them about having a devotional life.
 - i. Take this time to do a Bible app devotional with your group.



Week 3: Share It

EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO SHARE (DON'T OVERCOMPLICATE IT)

- A. You were once DEAD in your sins, but now you are ALIVE in Christ.
- B. You had a one-way ticket to hell, but God stepped in and took your place.
- C. You were never capable of obtaining salvation from your own works (own good doing), but because of Christ's work (the cross) you were able to receive salvation by faith!

TAKE THIS TIME TO SHARE YOUR STORY WITH YOUR STUDENTS! (MODEL IT)

QUESTIONS WE MUST ASK OURSELVES

- A. If salvation is this good, how could I keep it all to myself?
- B. Would I want someone to withhold this good news from me?

WHO CAN YOU SHARE YOUR STORY WITH?

- A. Peers/Friends (at your lunch table, on the bus, at a sleepover)
- B. Family (at home, holiday gatherings, birthday parties)

AFTER YOU SHARE YOUR STORY, GIVE SOMEONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE!

- A. How to lead someone into receiving salvation:
 - i. Ask them, "Would you want to say yes to Jesus being the Lord of your life just like I did?"
 - a. If they say yes, lead them in the same prayer you received! This is where they confess with their mouth and believe in their heart, and they will be saved!
 - i. Have them repeat after you, "Dear Jesus, I receive You into my heart and into my life. I declare You as my Lord. I am now a child of God. Thank You for saving me! In Jesus' name, amen!"
 - 1) Let it come from your heart! It doesn't have to be the same prayer every time. Allow it to be a conversation with God.
 - ii. Celebrate them and congratulate them on making the best decision of their life!
 - b. If they say no, don't take it personally! Let them know you are always here if they change their mind.

ACTIVITY

- A. Have the students partner up and share their "story" and lead someone into a salvation prayer!
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