



January 17 Do My Beliefs Matter?
January 24 What is Truth?
January 31 Where did we Come From?
February 7 How did Everything Get so Messed Up?
February 14 Is There a Solution?
February 21 Can You Make a Difference?

Small Group Lesson Week 5 Feb. 14, 2010

Lesson Big Idea:

The world is looking for salvation in all the wrong places. The universal problem we all face is guilt. We need to surrender our lives to God so that we may be changed. We need His grace.

Opening Questions:

- ◆ What does salvation mean to you? How does the worldviews of salvation impact you?
- ◆ How have you seen God's transforming work in your life?

Read Matt. 27:27-54; John 19:1-30. How do you view the crucifixion: Necessary evil? Cruel and unusual punishment? Sacrifice for sins? Triumph over injustice? Why?

Read Romans 5:6-11

- ◆ How do you view the crucifixion: Necessary evil? Cruel and unusual punishment? Sacrifice for sins? Triumph over injustice? Why?
- ◆ When did the meaning of the death of Christ begin to make sense to you?
- ◆ What does it mean to be justified? What are the benefits?
- ◆ How is peace with God different from peace of mind?
- ◆ If God has demonstrated His love to us through Jesus' death, what can we anticipate concerning our future relationship with God?

Read Romans 8:1-17

- ◆ What feels of condemnation and rejection may Christians feel?
- ◆ In what ways does knowing Christ, set us free?
- ◆ How can a person know if he or she is controlled by the sinful nature or by the spirit?
- ◆ How does living for Christ change the desires of our hearts?
- ◆ How does seeing and experiencing God as a loving father change your understanding of what it means to live as a Christian?
- ◆ What benefits does God give his children?

Prayer Direction:

Thank God for the gift of salvation.

Thank God that in Christ we have the answers for all our needs, our relationships with others, and even answers to the broader issue of our relationship to the world around us.

Ask God for wisdom and courage to act as agents of reconciliation wherever you are. Pray specifically for those people in need of the gospel whom God has placed in your life.