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LESSON 1

Understanding Salvation, Part 1

As we begin our journey in Discipleship, we want to understand what discipleship is and how will this help in my life.

Discipleship is a Bible word that means student. It is often looked at as apprentice type training, where one spends time with a mentor with the desire to grow in knowledge.

There will be study time that will be necessary throughout the week that will be discussed while together.

If you have no desire to be challenged and spend time in your Bible, it would be best to not start.

To The Mentor:

The following is a list of very practical ideas which will help you be more effective when discipling another individual:

1. Major on being an encourager. As you listen, ask yourself what you could encourage him about (Hebrews 10:24,25).

2. Realize that you are entering into a life-long relationship. Your relationship together will be foundational to all you hope to do (Proverbs 17:17).

3. Set the pace. You can't lead someone farther than you have gone yourself. You can't build solidly into someone else what is weak or unfamiliar to your own life (Philippians 4:9).

4. Modeling is the key to reproducing your life. More things are caught than taught. Be transparent with those you are helping. Share your weaknesses and struggles as well as your victories (II Timothy 3:10-11).

5. Repeat all things. Repeat all things. Repeat all things. Make no apologies for going over familiar ground. The basics are basic; keep hitting the basics (Philippians 3:1).

6. Take him with you as much as possible. Many lasting impressions are made during discussions in the car or during recreation together (Mark 3:14).

7. Use illustrations. Try to create a picture for the concepts you want to impart. One picture is worth a thousand words (Mark 4:26,30,31)!

8. Fit your follow-up plans to the person, not the person to the program. Be flexible. Meet his needs as well as build his life. Don't spend all your time "putting out fires." Think structured building into another's life, but beware of the "assembly-line mentality" (I Corinthians 3:9,10).

9. Always focus on Christ and relate all you do together to knowing Him or making Him known. Point to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2).

10. Spend a good amount of time praying together; this will help him catch your heart. If you meet in a restaurant or other public place, think about praying in a car afterwards.

11. Keep sharing the vision of disciple-making. Be a disciple; make disciples; develop disciple-makers. Help him think spiritual reproduction (II Timothy 2:2).

What Does Salvation Mean To Me?

In this first lesson we will discuss what salvation is, what it is NOT salvation, and am I saved?

1. What Is Salvation? Why Do We Need Salvation?

In the simplest terms salvation is a relationship.

In a more defined look, we see:

A. That ALL people must be saved because we cannot save ourselves. Romans 3:23

B. We need salvation because of the penalty of sin that has been passed down since Adam.

C. That salvation has nothing to do with what we do, but what God has already done.

In world religions we hear DO, DO, DO. John 3:1-4
In Christ and real salvation, it is DONE! John 3:16

D. Even though salvation has nothing to do with us, we must still respond to the free gift that is offered to us. Romans 10:13

2. Am I Saved? How did God provide salvation?

This is a question that only you can answer, for no man knows your heart.

God provided salvation when He sent His son, Jesus to this world.

His death paid for the penalty that we deserve.

God offers sinful man the gift of eternal salvation through Christ.

3. What Happened Because Of Salvation?

A. The penalty of sin is removed
Romans 8:1
All the charges have been dropped.
We are seen as justified!

B. We are forgiven

This means that what we owed because of sin is cancelled.

1 John 1:9

4. What Happens After Salvation?

A. We follow Jesus
John 10:27

B. We obey Jesus
1 John 2:3

Discussion:

1. Can you tell me a time in your life when you discovered that you were lost and called upon the name of the LORD?

2. How did that change you? (If there was no change then there was really no change)

Salvation will change our heart and mind, and we will begin to desire to know the things of God.

3. I am not here to say anyone is lost or saved but to point out what the Bible teaches.

Romans 10:11

4. Each week we will discuss another subject and have Bible reading.

Will you memorize the Books of the Bible IF I help?

Why is that important?

Try to Memorize: John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Begin reading John, perhaps a chapter a day, and do not stop until you have finished the book of John completely.

Pray as you close your time together.

LESSON 2

Eternal Security

Understanding Salvation Part 2

Last time we looked at “What Is Salvation” but the next question needs to be answered. What Is Eternal Security?

This can be an easy or hard lesson depending on what you bring into the study as far as traditions and beliefs each of us carry.

I encourage you to set all preconceived ideas aside and develop one main thought; “The Bible is my source of truth, not traditions nor superstitions.”

When I am asked “what do you think” or “what do you feel” I remind myself that it does not matter what I think or feel, it only matters what the Bible says.

1. What Is Eternal Security? Or How Long Will Our Salvation Last?

A. Being truly saved comes with the benefit that we cannot become unsaved.

John 10:27-28

1 Peter 1:5

John 3:16

Simply put; God will save and keep anyone who places their faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

2. How Can I Be Confident That My Salvation Is Forever?

LESSON 2: ETERNAL SECURITY

A. There are times when we all have doubts, especially when we have fallen into sin and doubted that God could or would still call me a child of His.

Hebrews 5:9

Hebrews 9:12

B. We must choose to believe God's promise through His Word.

John 14:1

1 John 2:25

Hebrews 10:22-23

Remember - "What does the Bible say?"

C. God's promise is greater than our own doubt.

1 John 3:20

2 Timothy 2:13

Even when we have times of fear and doubt; God's word reminds us that He is faithful.

D. The more we learn the more we will trust God's promises.

1 John 5:20

Romans 10:17

Jesus did not come to this earth to trick us or to deceive us. He came to make the plan of salvation plain, clear and simple, and He came to reveal His will toward His children who trust Him.

E. Salvation is a gift and cannot be earned or kept by good works.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Titus 3:5

If we try to bring our "good works" as evidence of salvation we will find the Bible has already settled that too.

Isaiah 64:6