

COMMAND: REPENT & BELIEVE

EXPANDED LEADER INFORMATION

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NEW LESSON

READ THE COMMAND: IN MARK 1:15, JESUS SAYS...

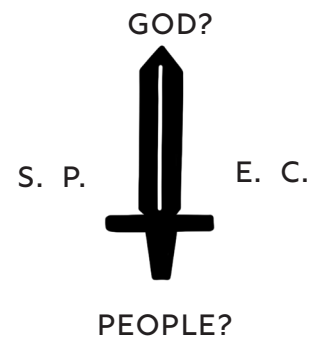
TELL THE STORY: THE SINFUL WOMAN (LUKE 7:36-50)

- RETELL THE STORY TOGETHER

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER/ASK: USE THE SWORD BIBLE STUDY METHOD TO DISCUSS THE STORY AND REVEAL ITS MEANING FOR OUR LIVES

- PRACTICE TELLING THE STORY



WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- Jesus has the power to forgive sins
- He created love and forgiveness to be closely intertwined
- His forgiveness of our sins should result in an outward expression of love from us
- There is no sized debt of sin that we can have that He cannot forgive

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE?

- We can be pretty judgy about other people's sins... sometimes even pridefully considering ourselves better or more worthy of God's presence in comparison.

ARE THERE ANY SINS IN THE PASSAGE TO AVOID?

- It is not overt, but love should not be withheld from a person who has been forgiven.

ARE THERE ANY PROMISES IN THE PASSAGE THAT WE SHOULD BEHOLD ?

- God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES IN THE PASSAGE TO FOLLOW?

- Bring our sins humbly to the feet of Jesus for forgiveness, just like the woman in the story.

ARE THERE ANY COMMANDS IN THE PASSAGE TO BE OBEYED?

- There is not a direct command in this passage.

EXPLORE MORE:

A. WHAT DOES “REPENT” MEAN?

- Repent means turning from sin and following Jesus

B. WHAT DOES “BELIEVE” MEAN?

- Believe means choosing to trust Jesus as Lord

C. WHY SHOULD WE REPENT?

- Read Romans 3:23, 6:23, and 10:9

D. WHO SHOULD REPENT?

- Read Acts 2:38-41
- Everyone must repent of sin and receive forgiveness

E. WHAT IS ASSURANCE?

- 1 John 1:9 says when we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us
- John 10:28 says our salvation belongs to Jesus

EXPLORE MORE ADDITIONAL NOTES:

It is vitally important that BOTH the concepts of Jesus as Lord and Jesus as Savior are discussed. When a person repents and surrender's his/her life to Christ, they aren't just turning from sin and thanking Jesus for dying for them... they are turning unto a life where Jesus is their Lord, so whatever He says, goes! This is the basis of the discipleship process. Jesus commands. We obey.

Sometimes people walk a person through the Repent and Believe Command of Christ as a form of evangelism because they are not yet a born-again believer. This is perfectly ok! However, since the structure of this discipleship structure is based on the whole "since I have surrendered to Jesus as my Lord, when He commands, I obey (and put it into practice in my life). The next-step goal for a non-believer would be to repent and believe. If they aren't ready for this, it's ok... we don't want to force them into making a decision they don't truly believe for themselves. However, you shouldn't move forward in the Commands of Christ process because obedience to Jesus as Lord is crucial, and it doesn't make sense to discuss being baptized if they aren't believers of Christ yet. In this scenario, spend time encouraging them to ask all the questions they have or issues they are struggling with that are keeping them from repenting and believing in Jesus. It's ok if you don't know the answers... ask leadership or wise counsel. As a disciple-maker, you need to know that it is ok to let your disciple(s) know that you don't know everything, but you commit to finding out!

SET GOALS:

Has your disciple ever surrendered his/her life to Jesus as Lord and Savior? If not, ask them if they would like to. There is no set prayer in Scripture that people have to pray to be saved. But we like to give people an opportunity to confess what they believe about Jesus being their Lord and Savior, and prayer is the most direct way they can do that with God. We usually encourage them to pray in their own words, but to include thanking Jesus for dying for their sins and surrendering their life to Him as their Lord! It really doesn't have to be complicated and eloquent! The Lord knows what they truly believe in their heart, this is just an opportunity to confess with their mouth aloud.

If your disciple has already been saved, then have them practice the 3 Circles Presentation of the Gospel and the 20 Second Testimony... being prepared to share them from memory the next time you meet.