

Winter School of Truth 2020

Group Guide

Lesson Seven—Key Topics Of The Bible (2)— Man and Salvation

Background:

Among mankind today there is not only a denial of the existence of God, but there is a basic misunderstanding of man and of the creation of man in the image of the invisible God. We need to impress the young people with the preciousness of humanity and the effect of the fall of man. This is not understood in the current philosophy of the age. Furthermore, there is the denial of sin, of right and wrong, and no proper moral compass or conscience within people today. With such a shortage of these basic matters, this lesson affords us a wonderful opportunity to show that the Bible presents the truth concerning man and salvation.

Burden to Impart:

The burden of this lesson is to open up the role of man in God's creation, the preciousness of humanity, and how man could be the vessel to contain God, express God and represent God in His authority on the earth. Then, we have to show the fall of man and the tragic effect the fall had on man. Finally, this lesson gives us an opportunity to open up salvation in God's economy. We have a chance to once again refresh the young people with the precious redemption of Christ and how His blood has cleansed, forgiven, reconciled us, and justified us to remove all separation between us and God that His purpose could be fulfilled.

Focus:

The focus of this lesson is to review and remind the young people of the preciousness of man in God's creation as a vessel in the image and likeness of God with the freedom to choose. We may want to illustrate the creation of man in three parts in a three-dimensional way and also show the effects of the fall on their being of three parts the same way. We also need to rehearse with the young people the process of the four falls of man and God's salvation in a living and practical way. This lesson will equip them for their preaching the gospel and sharing the Lord with their friends.

Points for serving ones to consider

The below points are suggestions that may be useful for the servings ones to prepare for the group time. These points are suggestions to help bring out fellowship concerning the burden of the message. Do not feel you that you need to go through all of them.

1. Why is man so special from everything else created by God? If you remember use also Geneses 2:7 to explain this.
2. Give some examples of Gods attributes and ask your parents what are man's virtues in the eyes of God? Which example did the brother use?
3. Do you realize that God is a gentleman and does not force us? How do we see this when man was created? How does this apply to us in our daily life?
4. Consider whether you have an experience where they made the wrong choice and later realized you should have prayed about it.
5. Pray together as a family and ask the Lord to strengthen each one of you in your will to make daily the choice to eat the Lord in His Word.

Ministry Reading, Questions and Memory Verses

The ministry reading, questions and memory verses are listed in the handbooks and should be used consideration of the capacity of the group you are shepherding. We hope that there would be opportunity in each group time to read a little of the chapter as much as time and capacity allows.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

The Bible—The Word of God, Lesson 8, Roman I & II
<https://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm?s=L>