

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp 2023

Class Curriculum - The Way of Salvation

Age - Senior Campers

Tuesday - Hearing & Believing: Faith

Summary

1. Subject: Hearing & Believing: Faith
2. Scripture: Romans 10:9-17, Acts 17:30
3. Grade/Level: Senior Campers
4. Objective: Understand that everyone must hear and believe the gospel in order to have faith
5. Time Allotment: 1 Hour

Prayer: Don't forget to begin and end your class with a prayer! If possible, have a camper lead one or both of these prayers.

Lesson

Overview: This lesson will focus on two elements of salvation: hearing the gospel, and believing it. Both are important in developing faith. While "hearing" may seem obvious, it is an important part of our own spiritual journey that we shouldn't overlook, and it is a necessary step in the salvation of others in which we can choose to be involved.

Read: 25 Minutes

The following section provides a brief commentary of the passage, as well as some reading comprehension questions.

Romans 10:1-4, 9-17

Romans 10:1-4

In this passage, Paul states his purpose for writing: his desire for everyone to be saved. He writes that people have not submitted themselves to God because of their ignorance, and instead tried to establish their own sense of “righteousness”. This is impossible without God, and Christ is the ultimate source of informing our righteousness today.

Romans 10:11-13

These verses explain that “Everyone who believes in Him (Jesus) will be saved”. This is a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. “Believing”, in this verse, refers to the entire process of believing and subsequently living out your belief in confession (mentioned in this passage), repentance, baptism, and righteous living.

Romans 10:9-10

In these verses, Paul writes about confessing with our mouths and believing with our hearts. In the next few days, we’ll look more closely at confession, as well as baptism. Understand that each of these things is necessary for salvation, and Paul picks specific elements to focus on at different times of writing.

Romans 10:14-17

This section is the focus of today’s reading. Paul asks three very important questions in verse 14, all of which make the reader realize the importance of hearing the gospel. If the church were not preaching the gospel, and people were not hearing it, then no one would come to believe in Christ. Without hearing, there is no belief. Without belief, there cannot be salvation.

Reading Comprehension:

- What does this passage tell you to confess?
- In verse 10, it says we should believe and be “justified”. What does it mean to be justified? Can we be justified through faith alone?
- How do we know that “faith” in this passage refers to everything that a Christian ought to do (believe, confess, repent, be baptized, and live righteously)? (answer: in verse 17, it states that faith comes from hearing, which comes from the word of Christ. If we are to have faith in the word of Christ, then we will naturally follow his commandments, which include all of the above components of faith.)

Acts 17:30

This passage is important in understanding the necessity of hearing the gospel. Many people claim that if someone never hears the gospel, they will be exempt from judgment. This verse says the opposite. There was a time when God overlooked ignorance, but that time has passed. God commands all people everywhere to repent. In order to repent, they must first hear the gospel.

Reading Comprehension

- What if someone never hears the gospel?
- Should that give the church a sense of urgency in spreading the gospel?

DISCUSSION

Remaining Time


Guided Discussion:

Begin by asking, “Do you remember the first time you heard about the gospel of Jesus?”. Many campers raised with a church background will not remember, but there may be some campers who learned about the gospel later in life in will be able to recount the first impression they had, and what led them to believe it. Some campers may have only just heard about the gospel at camp.

Go on to ask, “When you’re telling someone the gospel for the first time, what all do you need to talk about?”. It can be intimidating to spread the gospel. Help your campers understand they don’t need to be able to cite the entire bible. Instead, they need to know the following points:

- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)
- Because of our sin, we have need of salvation
- God offers salvation through Jesus Christ
- Jesus Christ is the son of God, who came to live on this earth. He paid the price of our sins by dying on the cross.
- We can receive salvation when we confess that we believe in Jesus, repent of our sins, and become baptized

Continue by asking questions like, “Do you know anyone who doesn’t believe in God or the gospel?” and, “How can you talk with them about it?”. Brainstorm different ways to evangelize, and help your campers become more comfortable with talking about their faith so that others can hear about it.



This is also an opportunity for counselors to discover which campers have not yet heard the gospel, or do not yet believe the gospel, and offer to study with them further.