

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp 2023

Class Curriculum - The Way of Salvation

Age - Senior Campers

Monday - Sin

Summary

1. Subject: Sin
2. Scripture: Romans 1, Romans 3:23
3. Grade/Level: Senior Campers
4. Objective: Understand the concept and reality of sin
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 week's classes will study the way of salvation. In order to first understand the way of salvation, it is important to understand the need for salvation. Today's class will focus on defining and understanding sin. There is sin on a global level, and sin on a personal level. While sin is a huge problem, God has presented a solution to sin: Jesus Christ.

Read: 25 Minutes

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

Romans 1:1-32

Romans 1:1-7

Paul describes himself as a servant and an apostle, saying he is “set apart for the gospel of God.” In these opening verses, Paul briefly recounts the foundation of the Gospel: Jesus Christ is the son of God. He came to live on this earth in physical form, and he fulfills all of the old testament prophecies. We are given grace through Jesus, and in return, we are asked for our obedience and faith.

Romans 1:16-17

These two verses are the thesis of the book of Romans. Paul is writing a comprehensive outline of the gospel for this group of Christians, and he begins by stating his feelings about the gospel; he is not ashamed of it, and neither should we be. Because we have the gospel, we should live in faith.

Romans 1:8-15

In this passage, we see that Paul has not yet had the chance to visit Rome. He is writing this letter to a group of Christians he has never met. This means that the book of Romans will cover many foundational aspects of faith, like sin, grace, redemption, and faith.

Romans 1:18-32

This long section of chapter one describes how people live in sin, and how God feels toward those people and their sins. To first understand our need of salvation, it is important to understand God’s righteousness. God is righteous, and because of his righteousness, He hates sin. This passage lists sins by name and rebukes those who know that these things are wrong and continue to do them.

Reading Comprehension:

- What specific sins are listed in this passage? What sin is described in verses 26-27?
- Were you surprised by any of the sins listed in verses 29-31?
- What is righteousness? What does it mean to live a righteous life?
- What does the wrath of God look like? Is there a difference between wrath and anger?
- What does it mean to have a debased mind? (v. 28)

Romans 2:1-11

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In this passage, Paul establishes the effect that sin has on mankind: judgment. Because we sin, and because we judge others for their sin, God will judge us for our sin. See verse 6, that God will “render to each one according to his works”. Notice also the parallel between 2:9-10 and 1:16-17. Paul specifies that salvation is for “the Jew first and also the Greek” and uses the same phrase to explain that judgment is likewise reserved for everyone.

Reading Comprehension:

- What does it mean to judge someone? What does it mean to be judged?
- What is hypocrisy? Are you a hypocrite? Is everyone?
- What is the consequence to sin? What is the consequence of righteousness?
- What does it mean that God “shows no partiality?” (v. 11)

DISCUSSION

Remaining Time

Guided Discussion:

Begin by asking your campers, “**What is sin?**”. Create a working definition for sin that you can use throughout the week.

Spend some time with your campers thinking through the concept of consequences. Have them think about times in their lives when there were consequences to their actions – both good and bad. If they are willing, and it is appropriate, have them share their experiences.

After they have shared, have them think through what they believe the consequences should be for the following items:

- Drunk driving
- Cheating or Lying
- Speeding
- Telling someone they are beautiful when they are not

Then ask, “What do you think the consequences for sin should be?”, and “Should some sins have harsher consequences than others?”. Guide this discussion to make sure they understand the following points:

- While some sins are considered better or worse by worldly standards, they all have the same effect on our relationship with God
- All sin separates us from God

This separation is a problem, and something needs to be done to fix it. Because of sin, there is a need for salvation. The rest of the lessons this week will focus on the Way of Salvation. End by reading John 3:16