



Paradigm Discipleship Lesson

The purpose of this resource is to provide some guidance for you as you encourage your disciple to develop a strong devotional relationship with God.

The following resource is part 5 of 6 resources designed to help your disciple gain a better understanding of the Gospel. We encourage you to use this resource in your own study as you prepare to meet with your disciple.

The GOSPEL PART 5 - Response Part 1

GOAL: To see that everyone responds to Jesus in one of two ways; either rejects or accepts. Accepting Jesus isn't just knowing who Jesus is but responding in faith and repentance, making him the Lord of your life. The way to eternal life is in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, not by any works done by us. **The key is repentance of sin and faith in Jesus.**

HOMEWORK RECAP: John 3:1-18

- What does Jesus say it takes to enter into the kingdom of God? - Born Again (3-5)
- How is one born again? - Looking to Jesus for your salvation (15-16)
- What happens if someone rejects Jesus? - Condemned already in your sin because of our rejection of the only hope we have to be reconciled to God (17-18)

RECAP: Read Ephesians 2:1-10 (focus on verses 8-9)

- How does Paul describe how one is saved? - It is Christ's work, not ours, that saves us. Jesus restores broken sinners, to being righteous image-bearers.

QUESTION: What is expected of me in response to what Christ has done for me?

- Mark 1:14-15 - Jesus came calling all people to repent and believe the Good News!
- Acts 2:37-47 - How do the people respond to the Good News about Jesus?
 - Believe and Repent, then they are Baptized and Gather with other believers.
 - Faith and Repentance are two sides of the same coin. In conversion one turns from sin (repentance) and to Christ (faith).

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE: Read 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- What do the Thessalonians do when they hear the good news of Jesus? How do they respond?
 - **Turned to God, Served God, Waited on God**

QUESTION: What is Faith?

- Confess and Believe - Romans 10:9-10, Galatians 2:16
 - This ability to confess and believe is not describing the formula for salvation, i.e just praying this prayer, but the response of a heart that has been changed by the good news of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - True Faith - Putting our trust/hope in Jesus for what he has done on our behalf. Confessing he is Lord and believing He is who He says He is.

QUESTION: What is Repentance?

- Repentance - 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Acts 3:19, 26:20
 - Confessing and turning away from sin. It starts at the heart level. Do we actually grieve our sin and rebellion from God?
 - **A main virtue of someone saved is someone willing to confess their sin. This is a complete reversal to Genesis 3 where Adam and Eve lied to God and did not admit their sinfulness.**

REFLECTION QUESTION: Have you ever put your faith in Jesus and repented of your sins? Do you accept this message of Jesus or reject it?

- This is now a good time to ask this very straight forward. Let them respond.

REFLECTION QUESTION: How are you making Jesus the Lord of your life?

- Luke 6:46 - Jesus cannot be our savior alone. He is both savior and lord, or He is neither.
- Matthew 6:24 - We can only serve one master. Is Jesus that master?
- John 14:15 - If we truly love Jesus, we will obey and follow him.

Follow-Up Questions:

- Have you ever been baptized? Jesus commands his followers to be baptized.
- Are you a member of a local church? If they do not go to church, invite them to go with you!
- Could you share the Good News of Jesus?
 - This is a good question to help see if they can articulate what they believe about salvation.

Homework: Read Titus 3:3-7 and 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

- What do these verses teach us about the Holy Spirit?