

Jesus is all you need!

Lesson for Sunday, November 6, 2022

NOTES:

- ⇒ This lesson was written to be a little shorter than the normal lesson. If prepared well, this lesson should take 30 minutes to teach.
- ⇒ This will leave plenty of time for two critical elements that we will hopefully need this Sunday: (1) Extra time for fellowship and (2) Extra time to introduce guests.

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ We are less than 2 months from Christmas! *Ask: Who already has their tree up? Who has already started listening to Christmas music? Who has started shopping?*
- ⇒ In our secular culture, the message of Christmas is often: Your life will be complete if only you get _____ under the tree!
 - Sometimes it's a new Lexus, or something from Jared, or the latest tech gadget.
- ⇒ All of us have lived long enough to recognize that nothing we will receive at Christmas will make us content. Things wear out, things break down, updated items are always coming out. We are masters of discontent.
- ⇒ Discontent is more of a year-round issue for most of us. We think we would be content if life were less hectic, we had more money, a different job, etc.
- ⇒ Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that God has put eternity in our hearts. One pastor coined the term, "a God-shaped hole in the human heart."
- ⇒ We have been disciplined by the world that it takes something temporary to fill a hole made for eternity. No relationship, gift or amount of money will ever make us content.
- ⇒ Jesus is all we need. Everything that we need is met in the Person of Jesus Christ.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. WE NEED A **DOCTOR**

- a. Read Matthew 9:10-13.
- b. Jesus went to spend time with a group of people that Matthew refers to as "publicans and sinners."
 - i. "Publicans" were tax collectors on behalf of the Roman Empire. They were detested by everyone (think IRS). They were a selfish group usually motivated by harshness, greed and deception.
 - ii. "Sinners" is defined as people devoted to sin. These aren't the normal sinners, but people who were stained with specific vices or crimes.
- c. What an amazing thought: The Son of God spent time with the lower-element of Jewish society. This made no sense to the Jewish religious leaders (vs. 11).
- d. Jesus's reply was simple and straight-forward, "The healthy don't need a doctor. I'm the Great Physician and I have come to those who are sick."
- e. Jesus was a healer, but He wasn't speaking in physical terms at this point. He was referring to a spiritual sickness that has plagued humanity: sin.
- f. This is Good News, because if we recognize it or not, our greatest need is not the discontentment we often feel. Our great need is the problem that sin presents in all of us.
- g. Jesus is the kind of doctor we all desperately need. He didn't come to deal with our symptoms; He came to deal with the root of our sickness. Jesus didn't come to make our sinful hearts better; He came to give you a completely new heart.

2. WE NEED AN **ADVOCATE**

- a. Read 1 John 2:1-2
- b. Jesus our Savior, Who is seated at the right hand of God in Heaven, advocates for His own.
- c. "Advocate" means: one who pleads another's cause before a judge, counsel for the defense, an intercessor.
- d. Q: Did anyone struggle with sin this past week?
 - i. When you were struggling this week, Jesus saw you.
 - ii. Jesus looked to His Father and said, "I died for that one. I paid for that. Don't charge that one to his/her account. Charge that to Me."
- e. Jesus stands as our perfect, sinless substitute interceding for you each and every moment of each and every day.
- f. The implications are wonderful: Jesus sees, He knows, He cares, we are never alone, etc.

3. WE NEED A **FRIEND**

- a. Read Hebrews 4:14-16.
- b. The miracle of Jesus is that He came to earth and became a man. He became like us so that He could save us.
- c. Have you ever had someone very dear to you die? Jesus knows...Lazarus died and Jesus wept.
- d. Has anyone been let down by someone friend? Jesus knows...Judas, betrayed Him with a kiss.
- e. Does anyone have a crazy family dynamic? Mark 3:21 – Jesus's family thought He was "beside Himself."
- f. Whatever it is you are going through, Jesus knows.
 - i. He experienced the aspects of this life that you and I face daily.
 - ii. He knows – and He's there to fill in the gap that you desperately feel.

CONCLUSION:

- ⇒ Jesus has come to cure your greatest disease – to give you a new heart and a new life.
- ⇒ Jesus stands – right now – on your behalf before God the Father.
- ⇒ In Jesus you have a Friend who walks with you through it all.
- ⇒ Everything you need is found in Jesus.

Three types of people here today...

1. Saved and following Christ...this lesson should make you thankful.
2. Saved and away – you know the Lord but you are caught up in filling that eternal gap with the temporary. It's time to return to Jesus.
3. You never have met Jesus.
 - a. You need a doctor – you need an advocate – you need a friend...
 - b. The Good News is that Jesus did all this for you.
 - c. He stands ready to save.