



## **Club Talks Fall of 2010**



# Intro of Young Life club talks

## SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST WITH A PURPOSE

We have the earned privilege ordained by God to be representatives of Jesus Christ to kids we work with each day. We are the mouth piece of the Gospel that God has called us to share with others. The mission of Young Life has given us the purpose of our proclamation. With Jesus Christ being the center of the Trinitarian Gospel, we are called to share the love of Jesus Christ with our jr. high, high school and students with disabilities.

Giving a club talk is an earned privilege with kids. We earn the right to give club talks through time spent with kids. The time spent with kids in club, campaigners and contact work; gives us the earned right to be heard. The Holy Spirit guides us through the preparation and delivery of club talks.

We ask kids to walk away from hearing a club talk with one of the following:

- A question that we ask them to think through and how it applies to their own life
- A point of direct application - "I want you to do the following"

### **Three Elements of Successful Club Talks**

#### ***God's Story***

We share "God's Story" which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ with kids. God's story can be simply put as Creation, Exodus (us walking away from God) and Redemption (God restoring us to Himself). Jesus Christ is found in all three parts of "God's Story". All club talks should have the following parts of God's story in them:

- Creation
- Exodus
- Redemption

#### ***Our Story***

Who we are in Jesus Christ exemplifies who we are in ministry to other. Ministry is an out pouring of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Our hope and prayer as we share our story with other's, we get to share the love of Jesus Christ. Kids will hopefully hear about Jesus Christ through our experiences in our own lives. Helping to articulate our own story makes us more incarnate in our relational ministry with kids.

- Personal Stories that add to quality of the talk
- Pictures, Songs, Videos, Illustrations that help articulate our experiences

#### ***Their Story***

Kids feel the need to tell their story and have their story known by others. Their story is important way to identify to their purpose and passion for life. Helping identify to where kids are in their story helps us as leaders engage them in

- Pictures, Songs, Videos, Illustrations that help articulate the experiences of kids
- Stories of kids and how that has shaped them and their experiences





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### Young Life's Proclamation

- Young Life's style in proclamation is relational & incarnation.
- Young Life is open to new methodology in proclamation, in the guidelines of the proclamation document. The message stays the same while methods can change.
- We should keep in mind - geographic, demographic, racial, social and cultural differences; when addressing kids through club talks and relational proclamation.

### Young Life club talk basics

- We proclaim the Person of Jesus Christ in every message, no matter what the topic of the talk is.
- We proclaim the reality of sin and its consequences - that apart from divine grace, we are estranged from God by our disobedience and incapable of a right relationship with God.
- We proclaim the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as the ultimate proof of God's love and only solution to our problem of sin.
- We proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We proclaim the risen Christ's offer of salvation by inviting our middle school, high school and students with disabilities to confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We proclaim God's call to discipleship by encouraging all who respond to a relationship with Jesus Christ and how they can grow in their faith.

### The themes of Young Life club talks

- Jesus being in the Creation story
- The person of Jesus Christ
- The need and brokenness of our world. How Jesus Christ meets us in our brokenness and need.
- The reality and consequences of sin
- The truth about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- The truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- The invitation God extends to us
- The call to discipleship
- The public proclamation of those responses

### Thoughts on the Creation Talk

God's creation starts and ends with Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus is in our creation story from scripture (John 1). We know that Jesus Christ is the first born over all creation (Colosians 1). We were created to be in God's perfect creation from the beginning.

### Thoughts on Person of Christ Talks

Person of Christ talks outline who Jesus Christ is, why what He did is important and how He is both God and Man in one body. Often this is articulated in:

- Jesus being 100% God
- Jesus being 100% man
- Jesus has power over life & death
- Jesus has power over nature

### Thoughts on Need/Brokenness Talk

The world in which we live is broken. Kids know their world is broken and have a need for it to be fixed. This is relevant to kids each day. One question we need to translate to kids is how does Jesus meet us in this needful and broken world? We were created in need of relationship. We often substitute our need for relationship with Jesus Christ; with objects, other relationships and people.

### Thoughts on Sin Talk

This can be the most difficult talk for leaders to give. One reason is that it often brings up experiences and memories of life before a relationship with Jesus Christ. Often leaders are dealing with sin in our own lives, while expressing sin to our friends.

Sin is an external consequence that has been in place in our lives since the fall of man. We see the effects of our sin condition in our world. We often refer to these and big sin (our sin condition) and the little sins (the effects of sin in our lives and the world around us).



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## Thoughts on Cross/Resurrection Talk

The ONLY way in which our sin is abolished is through Jesus death and resurrection. He gave His life so that we may have eternal life through Him. Jesus takes on all sin on the cross; yours, mine and the worlds.

The cross is the most recognized symbol in the world. In some ways the cross is to common in our world. The power of the cross needs to be realized in our lives.

## Thoughts on Appropriation Talk

Jesus gives us an open invitation to be in relationship with Him. We are only redeemed by accepting the invitation of relationship from Jesus Himself. We have to accept the invitation He gives us if we want to have eternal life. There are other theories on this that are incorrect. But, Jesus is the ONLY way, there is NO other way.

## Thoughts on Call to Discipleship

Jesus calls us to discipleship. He calls us to be followers of Him. He calls us to surrender our hearts, minds, desires, dreams and lives to Him each day. We have to continually and mindfully give our lives over to Jesus.

Our high school, jr. high and Capernaum friends need to see real relationships with Jesus Christ modeled out fro them. They need to see the ups and downs of walking with Jesus Christ. This will give them a real picture.

## First Semester - Club Talks 2010

### Kick Off Club - Intro Talk

- Monday, September 13

### Intro Talks

- Who Do You Say That I Am - Matthew 16:13-16 (fall)
  - Monday, September 20

### Person of Christ Talks

- Jesus Walks on the Water - Matthew 14:22-33
  - Monday, September 27
- Attempt to Stone Jesus - John 10:24-39
  - Monday, October 4
- Open Date
  - Monday, October 18
- Jesus Arrested - John 18:1-11 (Fall)
  - Monday, October 25

### Need/Sin Talks

- Peter Denies Jesus - Luke 24:54-62
  - Monday, November 1

### Cross/Resurrection Talks

- Talk Fall Semester
  - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
  - Romans 6:23
  - Monday, November 8

### Appropriation Talks

- On the road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-35
  - Monday, November 22

### Walking with Jesus Talks

- Salt & Light - Matthew 5:13-16
  - Monday, November 29

# Who Do You Say that I Am?

## Matthew 16:13-16

*Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah*

**Matthew 16:13-17**

**TNIV**

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

This passage is also found in:

- **Mark 8:27-30**
- **Luke 9:18-21**

**Matthew 16:13-17**

**The Message**

13 When Jesus arrived in the villages of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about who the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some think he is John the Baptizer, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am.

### Some Thoughts on this Passage

We all have the desire to place people in contexts to stereo type them. This is exactly what happens to Jesus in this passage. The disciples speak to what others are saying about Jesus, that He is a prophet. People are trying to define who Jesus is, to make it easier on them, the simple fact is that it is difficult to define Jesus.

**Prophet** - The "prophet" proclaimed the message given to him, as the "seer" beheld the vision of God. A prophet was a spokesman for God; he spoke in God's name and by his authority. He is the mouth by which God speaks to men, and hence what the prophet says is not of man but of God. Prophets were the immediate organs of God for the communication of his mind and will to men.

Peter has a definitive statement in which the whole story has been preparing for, Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God. Being called the Messiah, separates Jesus from every other person in the world. There can only be one Messiah and Jesus Christ is the one.

**Messiah** - The first great promise (Gen. 3:15) contains in it the germ of all the prophecies recorded in the Old Testament regarding the coming of the Messiah and the great work he was to accomplish on earth. The prophecies became more definite and fuller as the ages rolled on; the light shone more and more unto the perfect day.





### **SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS PASSAGE**

Jesus had spent sometime with His disciples and people in the communities around Him. Still people were confused on who Jesus really was. Many of the people were comparing Jesus to a prophet. This was a common practice in Jesus' day.

Peter's definitive statement allows everyone to see that Jesus is really God. In many ways Jesus ministry is built off of Peter's statement and that Peter

### **CAMPAIGNER QUESTIONS**

- Who is your favorite celebrity and what attributes would use to define them? Why are they important to you?
- What attributes do you use to define your parents, siblings, friends, people at school, ect?
- What attributes do people use to define you? What do people say about you and who you are?
- What are other people surround and interacting with Jesus, saying who Jesus is? Are they correct or not?
- What does Peter say that Jesus is? Do you think he is right? How is Peter's definition of Jesus, different from what other people are saying?
- What does this mean to us in our day and in our lives? Do you see Jesus differently after our discussion?

### **Goal for Campaigners**

Your goal for this campaigners is to define Jesus, both in the now and in the future. This can be a difficult task for students. Our job is to help kids see the reality of who Jesus is? Help them to beyond that, "Jesus is a good person". A true definition is an individual response and a cooperate response.

Share with your friends how you see Jesus and how you would define Him. This may help your friends define there own responses.



# JESUS & H2O



## JESUS WALKS ON WATER MATTHEW 14: 22-33



### JESUS WALKS ON WATER

In Matthew 14:22-33 we read that Jesus walks on water. When Jesus walks on water he is doing so during the 4th watch between 3 am and 6 am. The 4th watch of the night is the darkest part of the night right before dawn. It is no wonder why the disciples were a little freaked out and thought Jesus was a ghost and were afraid.

### CAMPAIGNER QUESTIONS:

1. What is something that you are afraid of?
2. If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?
3. How would you react to seeing a person walking on water towards you in the middle of the night?
4. Why was Jesus going back to the boat so late?
5. Explain how Peter passed and failed this test of faith?
6. How is the power of Jesus demonstrated in this story?

### THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS PASSAGE:

- \* Jesus' power over nature is demonstrated
- \* Our surroundings can impact our faith (nature in this example)
- \* Peter's faith is challenged and tested
- \* Peter calls out to Jesus and immediately Jesus responds to Peter's call
- \* The Disciples acknowledge Jesus by saying, "Truly you are the Son of God"

## **Matthew 14:22-33**

### **The Message**

#### **Walking on the Water**

<sup>22-23</sup>As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

<sup>24-26</sup>Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29-30</sup>He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to

Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

<sup>32-33</sup>The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

### **Matthew 14:22-33 TNIV**

#### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples

saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## **WHY IS JESUS UP SO LATE???**

In this story about Jesus walking on water it is important to think about why he is coming back to the boat so late. Jesus has just fed 5,000 people and sent his disciples into the boat to go before him. He did this in order to go up on the mountain by himself and pray. As we read about Jesus it is obvious that he faces opposition from many sides. He knows that people are after him, but yet that does not stop him from proclaiming the good news. If Jesus viewed prayer as important, we must as well.

# ATTEMPT TO STONE JESUS

JOHN 10:24-39

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## TNIV

<sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all [[a](#)]; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

<sup>31</sup> Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him, <sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the

Father. For which of these do you stone me?"

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<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are 'gods' ' [[b](#)]? <sup>35</sup> If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and

Scripture cannot be broken— <sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? <sup>37</sup> Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father. <sup>38</sup> But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." <sup>39</sup> Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.



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**Earn the right to be heard!**



**It is a Sin to bore a kids with the Gospel!**



**You were made for this!**

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## THE MESSAGE

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## THOUGHTS ON THE PASSAGE:

THE JEWS ARE ASKING FOR JESUS TO COME OUT AND SAY HE IS THE MESSIAH. JEWS AT THIS TIME WERE WAITING FOR THE ONE THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT FOR SO LONG. JESUS IS ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY, DUE TO WHAT HE HAS SAID HE IS CAPABLE OF DOING AND WHO HE HAS SAID HE IS IN RELATION TO THE FATHER. A GREAT ILLUSTRATION OF A SHEEP AND A SHEPHERD IS USED BY JESUS TO EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND US AS HIS FOLLOWERS.

## CAMPAIGNER LESSON QUESTIONS:

- \* How does Jesus challenge those that are wanting to stone him? What are the Jews wanting to stone Jesus for?
- \* How has Jesus told the Jews and those around him that he is the Messiah, without actually telling them through words? Are actions more important than words?
- \* What is Jesus saying in this passage that upsets the Jews so much?
- \* What has Jesus done that shows us that he is more than just a mere man?

## OPENING QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS?

2. DO YOU EVER COME ACROSS PEOPLE WHO CAN, "TALK THE TALK", BUT CAN'T, "WALK THE WALK"?





## THE ARREST OF JESUS - JOHN 18:1-11

### Jesus Arrested - TNIV

1 When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. 2 Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. 4 Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" 5 "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) 6 When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said. 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." 9 This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." [a] 10 Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

### Seized in the Garden at Night - The Message

1 Jesus, having prayed this prayer, left with his disciples and crossed over the brook Kidron at a place where there was a garden. He and his disciples entered it. 2-4 Judas, his betrayer, knew the place because Jesus and his disciples went there often. So Judas led the way to the garden, and the Roman soldiers and police sent by the high priests and Pharisees followed. They arrived there with lanterns and torches and swords. Jesus, knowing by now everything that was coming down on him, went out and met them. He said, "Who are you after?" They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." 5-6 He said, "That's me." The soldiers recoiled, totally taken aback. Judas, his betrayer, stood out like a sore thumb. 7 Jesus asked again, "Who are you after?" They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." 8-9 "I told you," said Jesus, "that's me. I'm the one. So if it's me you're after, let these others go." (This validated the words in his prayer, "I didn't lose one of those you gave.") 10 Just then Simon Peter, who was carrying a sword, pulled it from its sheath and struck the Chief Priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was the servant's name. 11 Jesus ordered Peter, "Put back your sword. Do you think for a minute I'm not going to drink this cup the Father gave me?"

# THE ARREST OF JESUS - JOHN 18:1-11

## Some thoughts on this passage

The group that came to arrest Jesus was composed of Roman soldiers, Jewish servants and an apostate apostle (v. 3). John will make it clear that both Jew and Gentile are guilty of the death of the Son of God. Jesus is about to die for the life of the world, and the whole world needs it. After the welcome Jesus had received there was good reason to expect trouble--or so it would have seemed to the Roman and Jewish authorities who understood Jesus so poorly. They bring torches and lanterns to search for the Light of the World; they bring weapons against the Prince of Peace.

Jesus was arrested without committing a crime. He had done no wrong doings. He is arrested without just cause. His arrest is defiant of Jewish and Roman law.

The fact that Peter only got the man's right ear suggests several possibilities: that Peter was left-handed, or that he attacked the man from behind, that the man moved or that Peter simply had bad aim. In any case, Peter's boldness is as great and as obvious as his misunderstanding. He is not at all in sync with God's will, and this isn't the first time he is out of step.



## Campaigner Questions

- What is your favorite fight scene in a movie and why? What do you like about this scene that separates it from other movies?
- When have you seen injustice in the world? How does it make you feel when you see it?
- When has been a time when you have been blamed for something you didn't do? How did you react to this? How did it make you feel?
- What was the crime that Jesus committed that He was arrested for?
- What would your reaction be to Jesus' arrest if you were in the crowd that night? What would you do?
- Do you think that Peter's reaction to Jesus' arrest is appropriate? If not, why do you think that?
- Why is it important that Jesus heals the ear of the man that Peter cut his ear off? What does this show us about Jesus?

# Peter's Denial of Jesus

## John 18:15-18 & 25-27, Romans 5:12-13a

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### **Peter's First Denial - TNIV**

15 Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, 16 but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

17 "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

18 It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

### **Peter's Second & Third Denials - TNIV**

25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." 26 One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" 27 Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

### **Romans 5:12-13a - TNIV**

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

13 To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given,

### **Peter's First Denial - The Message**

15-16 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That other disciple was known to the Chief Priest, and so he went in with Jesus to the Chief Priest's courtyard. Peter had to stay outside. Then the other disciple went out, spoke to the doorkeeper, and got Peter in. 17 The young woman who was the doorkeeper said to Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?" He said, "No, I'm not." 18 The servants and police had made a fire because of the cold and were huddled there warming themselves. Peter stood with them, trying to get warm.

### **Peter's Second & Third Denials - The Message**

25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was back at the fire, still trying to get warm. The others there said to him, "Aren't you one of his disciples?" He denied it, "Not me." 26 One of the Chief Priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" 27 Again, Peter denied it. Just then a rooster crowed.

### **Romans 5:12-13a - The Message**

12-13a You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we're in— first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death. That sin disturbed relations with God in everything and everyone, but the extent of the disturbance was not clear until God spelled it out in detail to Moses.



## Campaigner Questions

- If you were stranded on an island for the rest of your life, what would you bring:
  - One Song on your iPod
  - One person to text (only)
  - One Episode of One TV Show
- How do you see the world being broken around us? What is the evidence of this in our own lives?
- Do you think that there is a need for God in our world? Why or why not and how do you see it?
- What is your definition of Sin? How do you see Sin in your own life and the world?
- Why did Peter deny Jesus? Was he destined to do so or was it by chance?
- When has someone done something wrong to you? How did you react to this?



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## SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS PASSAGE

**Need/Brokenness --** We proclaim the reality of sin and its consequences — that apart from divine grace, we are estranged from God by our disobedience and incapable of a right relationship with God. We were created to be needed and wanted by others in relationship. Many times we fill that need with other things, objects or people. The relationship we are in need of is Jesus Christ.

**Sin -** Sin is a cooperative disobedience of God's will for our world and an individual disobedience to God's will for our lives. Sin originates in the story of Adam & Eve and concludes with the canceling of sin with Jesus dying on the cross.

### Sin is:

- Being disobedient to what God has for us.
- Doing what we know is outside of God's will.
- Not doing what God is asking of us to do.

**Sin's consequences include a broken relationship with God, so relational words such as estrangement, alienation, lostness and purposelessness do represent our condition.**

**Big S sin** - Is the condition of sin that we all have. It is the root of everything being in direct disobedience to God. It is our condition.

**Little s sin** - These are the effects of sin we see in our own lives and the world around us. This is everything that we see not being as God intended it to be.

\* A key to this talk is that we don't want kids to walk away feeling **Hopeless**, but it is ok for kids to feel **Helpless**.

# Jesus Death on the Cross and His Resurrection

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - TNIV

### The Resurrection of Christ

1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

## Romans 6:23 - TNIV

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-15 - The Message

### Resurrection

1-2 Friends, let me go over the Message with you one final time— this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy, that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

3-9 The first thing I did was place before you what was placed so emphatically before me: that the

Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me. It was fitting that I bring up the rear. I don't deserve to be included in that inner circle, as you well know, having spent all those early years trying my best to stamp God's church right out of existence.

10-11 But because God was so gracious, so very generous, here I am. And I'm not about to let his grace go to waste. Haven't I worked hard trying to do more than any of the others? Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it. So whether you heard it from me or from those others, it's all the same: We spoke God's truth and you entrusted your lives.

## Romans 6:23 - The Message

22-23 But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is real life, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.



# Some thoughts on this Passage

Jesus death and resurrection has been a symbol of God's love for us for over 2,000 years. The ONLY way in which our sin is abolished is through Jesus death and resurrection. He gave His life so that we may have eternal life through Him. Jesus takes on all sin on the cross; yours, mine and the worlds.

The cross is the most recognized symbol in the world. In some ways the cross is to common in our world. The power of the cross needs to be realized in our lives. The cross has as much power now as it had 2,000 years ago.

Jesus was not a victim on the cross, He was a volunteer. Although Jesus died for all Sin in the world, it takes our action to and open invitation to respond. It is in our response that we are saved.

Jesus rising from the death restores our relationship with Him and our full humanity. With the resurrection we become fully restored. Without a resurrection we would not follow a dead God.

The Gospel and the certainty of Christ's resurrection. Paul reminds us of the Gospel he preached and believed. What we preach we want people to believe.



## CAMPAIGNER QUESTIONS

- What do you feel that missing in your life? What do you want to fill it with?
- How does our world see Jesus? Is it an accurate view of who Jesus really is?
- Where do you see pictures of the cross in our culture today? What do you think and feel when you see the cross?
- What does it mean that Jesus died on the cross for us?
  - What did Jesus accomplish in dying on the cross for us?
  - Why did Jesus choose to die on the cross for us?
- What does it mean that Jesus rose from the dead three days later?
  - Is it believable that Jesus died and rose from the dead? And why?
- So how does Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the dead mean to us today? How does it impact our lives or does it?

## On the Road to Emmaus - TNIV Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles [a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

## The Road to Emmaus - The Message Luke 24:13-35

13-16 That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

17-18 He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

19-24 He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

25-27 Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

28-31 They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

32 Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"





## Some thoughts on this passage

Jesus meets two men who had seen what happened were on the road talking about the things that they could not believe. They tell Jesus the whole story. I imagine that Jesus asks them questions.

People that don't believe in Jesus, He can only be a prophet to them. No more than a prophet. How could this man be rejected by Israel. These are the people that He came to save. Jesus had prophesied about the third day while He was with them. They recount the third day in their journey.

Jesus discuss the Old Testament scriptures with them. They love having the scriptures open and discussing them. If only our world was eager as their world was. There is something powerful having the scriptures open and discussing them with kids.

These men tell Jesus the whole story, not leaving anything out. They give him every detail. Can we say that we do that as well?

Mark 16:12-13 (The Message) - 12-13 Later he appeared, but in a different form, to two of them out walking in the countryside. They went back and told the rest, but they weren't believed either.

Mark 16:12-13 (Today's New International Version) - 12 Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. 13 These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.



## Campaigner Questions

- What is something that you have seen that you would classify as unbelievable? Who was there? Where did this happen? And why did this happen?
- If you could define Jesus with three words, what would they be and why?
- What do you think these two men were discussing on their travels before Jesus began walking with them?
- Why do you think that Jesus asked them about what they had seen? Why is it important that Jesus asks them about it?
- How did these two men realize it was Jesus that was talking with them? Why do you think Jesus disappeared after they realized it was Him?
- Why did these two men go back to Jerusalem? Who did they talk to and why is it important that they talked to these specific people?
- How does Jesus being with these two men show that Jesus is fully human after He was resurrected and why is it important?





# SALT AND LIGHT



## MATTHEW 5:13-16

### Salt and Light (TNIV)

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be

thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its

stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

### Salt and Light (Message)

<sup>13</sup>"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

<sup>14-16</sup>"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. JESUS WAS REFERRED TO AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
2. LIGHT IS NOT MEANT TO BE STORED UP AND NOT SHARED OR EXPOSED.
3. RIGHT BEFORE JESUS TOLD THIS TO HIS DISCIPLES HE TOLD THEM THAT THEY WILL BE PERSECUTED, BUT HE STILL TOLD THEM TO BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
4. THIS CHALLENGE THAT JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES IS THE SAME FOR US TODAY

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**"FOR AS LONG AS I AM IN THE WORLD, THERE IS PLENTY OF LIGHT. I AM THE WORLD'S LIGHT" JOHN 9:3**

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## **CAMPAIGNER QUESTIONS:**

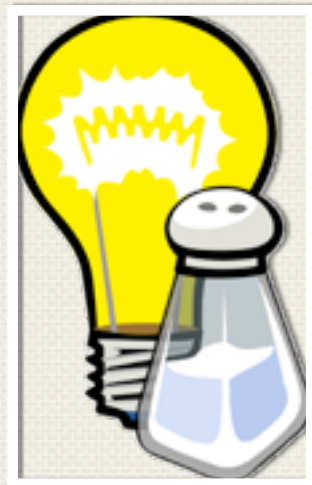
1. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SALTY FOOD?
2. WHY DO WE PUT SALT ON FOOD?
3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN JESUS TELLS THE DISCIPLES TO BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?
4. HOW DOES THIS CHALLENGE RELATE TO US TODAY?
5. HOW CAN WE BE THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?
6. WHAT IS DARK IN OUR WORLD TODAY?
7. WHAT IS LIGHT IN OUR WORLD TODAY?

## GLORY TO GOD



JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES TO BE SALT AND LIGHT ON EARTH. AT THE END OF THE PASSAGE HE SAYS THIS IS DONE IN ORDER TO GET OTHERS "TO GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN". THIS IS WHY WE MUST BE SALT AND LIGHT IN ORDER TO DRAW OTHERS TO JESUS.

## SALT



THE USE OF SALT IN THIS TEXT PROVIDES A GREAT ILLUSTRATION. FIRST, SALT IS USED AS A PRESERVATIVE, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT JESUS DOES FOR OUR HEARTS AND WHAT WE SHOULD RESEMBLE FOR OTHERS. SECOND, RABBIS USED SALT AS A SYMBOL FOR WISDOM. IF SALT IS LOST, WISDOM IS LOST. THIRD, SALT PROVIDES TASTE TO BLAND FOOD.

## LIGHT



"GOD SAW THAT THE LIGHT WAS GOOD, AND HE SEPARATED THE LIGHT FROM THE DARKNESS."

GENESIS 1:4

LIGHT EXPOSES DARKNESS, WHICH OUR WORLD IS FULL OF. OUR DARKNESS MUST BE EXPOSED BEFORE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD JESUS CAN COME TAKE OVER OUR LIVES.