

## LIFE GROUP VIRTUAL OUTLINE #2 Series - This is the Way!

### Worship – 10 mins. max.

- Worship: (Someone leads a song of worship or play a song from You Tube while everyone else will be on mute.) *Option: Ask participants to share testimonies of answered prayers.*

### Welcome – ICE BREAKER 15 mins. max.

Instructions: Rescue Game - Who will you rescue first?

*You are on a cruise ship on a special company trip. You are with the following people; your best friend at work, your boss and special male Executive Assistant. Somewhere along the way, an emergency took place and the captain said that the boat is about to sink in 30 minutes. Everyone began emergency procedures and were instructed to jump to the water. Ask the group, who will you rescue first, your best friend, your boss or your executive assistant and why?*

### Word – 30 mins. max.

#### ***Have you ever experienced being rescued in an emergency situation?***

**Intro:** The Old/ Mosaic Covenant is an agreement between God and the nation of Israel based on obeying the laws given by God through Moses. *Man's biggest problem is sin! This is the reason why we were not able to obey God's laws.* **Everyone** is condemned **guilty** before God by the law. However, the old covenant was made obsolete by the replacement of a new one with the death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus. We are now living under the New Covenant with better promises,

**Q:** Can you comment about this statement: "Man's biggest problem is sin!"

**Main Text:** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* "Ephesians 2:8-10

#### **1. God's part - His grace in Christ:** (Grace - unmerited favour; God's kindness to the undeserving)

God made a way to establish the conditions required for us to be in a covenant of grace with Him. How? God gave His only Son as the sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Q:** How do you feel about the truth that God made a way for you and me? ...

#### **2. Man's part - faith** (repentance included) **in Christ only; (believing and trusting Christ alone)**

##### **Read Romans 10:13-17**

*"For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

**Q:** Which part of the passage from Romans 10:13-17, captured your attention?

God was at work through the circumstances we were in before we got saved to prepare our hearts to receive His good news. He was also at work in our hearts by His Spirit, through the preaching of the gospel for us to see our need for Christ and to save us from our sins and the consequences that come with it.

**Q:** Who was instrumental in leading you to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

**Q:** What circumstances led you to becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ?

**Q:** Would you share some highlights?

#### **a. Faith in Christ for salvation.**

**Our basis of salvation is faith in Christ for "salvation is through faith alone, by grace alone, in Christ alone."**

Q: How important is salvation based on faith in Christ and not on feelings?

**b. Faith in Christ for His covenant promises**

**2 Corinthians 1:20**, *"For all the promises of God in Him (Jesus Christ) are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us."*

**Q:** What are the promises in the Word of God that you hang on to whenever you feel doubtful of your salvation?

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

*"13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."*

The resurrection of Christ is the proof of His successful sacrificial death on the cross. God provides us His Spirit **to empower us to obey Him** and be victorious over Satan and sin.

**Q:** Whenever you feel you are being tempted to disobey God's word, how do you know the Holy Spirit was there?

**Conclusion:**

The moment we choose to surrender to Christ, we receive great mercy and grace because of His sacrifice on the cross. Therefore, let us be eternally grateful to Him and worship Him wholeheartedly with all our being.

**Work (Application) – 5mins. Final thoughts**

God gave us the opportunity and authority over sin when we place ourselves under the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Closing Prayer: 5mins.**

Please take time to pray for one another. Ask for specific prayer requests. Assign people to take turns in prayer.