



HOPE:CHRIST IN YOU

12-01-2024

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online,**

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Opening Prayer: Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how to know Christ in a deeper way.

WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verse for the week: COLOSSIANS 1:27, "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. "

Ice-breaker Q:

WORD(30-45 MINS) Text:

Intro: We celebrate Christmas by focusing on Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. However, we often overlook that His journey didn't begin in Bethlehem or end there. Jesus started His journey from the glory of heaven to transforming the hearts of His creation. Why did Jesus leave heaven for earth?

1. He left heaven because He loves us

John 3:16 reminds us that God's love is the central reason for Christ's coming: "**He gave His one and only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.**" Three things about God's love:

a. Unconditional – Freely given, not based on our actions.

Q: How does it feel to know that God's love isn't based on our good work but on who He is?

Q: Why do you think it's hard for us to accept love that we don't have to earn?

Q: Can you think of a time when someone showed you love without expecting anything in return? How does that compare to the way Jesus loves us?"

b. Sacrificial – Shown through Christ's willingness to die for us.

Q: What does Jesus' sacrifice on the cross tell you about how much God values you?"

Q: What kind of sacrifice would you be willing to do for someone (a friend, a family member, a stranger)?"

c. Transformative – Changing lives and offering eternal hope.

Q: What difference does having eternal hope make when you face challenges or hard times?"

2. He left heaven because Christ was the only perfect sacrifice to satisfy God's justice and save us from sin– Read Philippians 2:6-8 NLT, John1:1-14. Jesus was fully God in a human body during His time on earth, as affirmed by Scripture. One key proof of His divinity is the Virgin Birth. The Bible teaches that Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, not by human sexual union, and born of a virgin. This foundational truth is central to the Christian faith (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:34-35).

Leader's Tips:

- S – Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.
- P – Participation is encouraged.
- A – Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.
- C – Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.
- E – Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

Q: Why is it important that Jesus was both 100 % God and 100% human when He was on earth?

Q: How important is the Virgin Birth of Jesus a part of God's special plan?

Reflection:

The eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, became human to fulfill the necessary sacrifice for sin.

Redemption: Jesus, fully human, represented humanity and died as our substitute, while His divinity provided a perfect, infinite sacrifice.

Mediation: As God and man, Jesus is the perfect mediator, reconciling humanity with God (1 Timothy 2:5).

Relatability: His humanity allows Him to empathize with our struggles, and His divinity assures His power to save.

Conclusion: Read John 14:6, John 3:16, Romans 10:9-13

There is no way to be reconciled to God except through Jesus Christ. True reconciliation comes when we:

1. Accept that Jesus' death and resurrection are the only way to God.

2. Repent of our sins and rebellion against Him.

3. Trust in Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Through this, we are forgiven, reconciled to God, granted new life, and given the hope of eternal life instead of eternal separation from Him.

Christmas is all about hope, and we can begin experiencing true and lasting hope when we believe in Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior.

What is your take-away from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?"

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with someone during the week.