



Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 2 for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: *Get off your high horse and start doing for others what Jesus did for you.*

- Share what you did to show love this past week.

Question: Have you ever tried to assemble something, following the directions word for word, but it just wasn't working? And then along came someone who's done it before, and they assemble it in like 10 seconds for you. Did you feel embarrassed or grateful?

LOOK UP: Watch this week's video on the 4G web page.

Recap: Every major religion in the world is about two things. First, getting your sins forgiven. Second, getting to heaven. And while the process and terminology may be different, the goals are the same. They are based on a simple truth; all people are sinful and sinful people don't get to go to heaven. Therefore, we all need to be "saved" and so the question comes, "What must I do to be saved?"

While all religions have their rules – unobtainable as they are – Jesus has been telling us in His Sermon on the Mount that while there are rules, it's really about your heart. Jesus knows the way and if you follow Him, He will transform you and you will be acceptable. The past will be forgiven, and you can enter heaven. But keep in mind, it's a narrow gate and a difficult road ahead.

LOOK IN: Discussion

Discuss how to explain that Christianity is different because it's not about "doing to get," but about "doing because we've been given."

Read Matthew 7:15-20. What is fruit? Use these Merriam-Webster definitions and discuss each (as appropriate) as they might pertain to the verses.



LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *A saved life should be an obedient life.*

Jesus Offers Us A New Life

Read Mark 1:15 and rewrite the command in your own words:

Read Luke 7:36-50

Read it again. Which character in the story do you identify with?

What does this story say about you?

What does this story say about Jesus?

What does "repent" mean?"

What does "believe" mean?

Why should we repent?

Who should repent?

What assurance do we have that our sins are forgiven?

Read: John 10:28, Acts 2:38-41, Romans 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 John 1:9.

