

Ignite: Pay Attention

Objective: By the end of the lesson the student will understand why and how we can focus on our salvation.

Bible Verses:

Hebrews 2:1

Hebrews 2:3

John 6:44

Acts 2:38

I Corinthians 3:16

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Hebrews 10:25

I Peter 1:23-2:2

Essential Question? Once we commit to Christ are we assured salvation? Ask the students this question to get started.

Opening:

Read Hebrews 2:1. This verse warns us that we can drift away from Christ and our path to salvation. Once we listen, understand and respond to the message we can still turn away from it and ignore it (Hebrews 2:3). How can we remain steadfast in God's message?

Teacher Note: Make sure all scriptures are read out loud in the class by student volunteers.

Content:

The first step in the process to salvation is responding to the message when we hear it. Scripture says that God draws us toward Him (John 6:44). When we begin to notice this we need to respond to God's drawing Spirit.

The next step in this process is to repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). After baptism hands are laid on you and you receive God's Holy Spirit. This is the key that can keep you on the right path to salvation. But this does not make salvation a done deal. We need to stay vigilant.

A great help to us after baptism is having God's Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 3:16). But we need to respond to God's help by following God's ways since He is now dwelling with us in our mind (I Corinthians 6:19-20). If we begin to follow God's law, pray, fast, meditate and go to church we will be building up the power of God's Spirit working within us. Going to church is the only one of those examples where we must involve ourselves with others.

Hebrews 10:25 emphasizes the need to come together with other church members (Hebrews 10:25). Social scientists are discovering how important social connection is for relieving stress and making us more resilient. By going to church we are helped in our learning of God's word.

You can also find encouragement by the friends you commune with at church. You can also serve others at church or in the community with church members.

One other method we can employ to stay closer in our walk with God is studying His word (I Peter 2:1-2). The “spiritual milk” mentioned in this scripture is thought to mean the word of God. By reading back to I Peter 1:23, 25 we see that is the context at the beginning of I Peter 2.

When we pray it is like us talking to God, but when we read the Bible it is like us listening to God. We need to do a lot more listening.

Independent Practice:

Have the students break into groups and discuss what their thoughts on baptism are? Ask them to discuss what they gain from attending church. Have them also discuss their bible study habits. Have them share on what they learned in their discussions with the entire class.

Close/Reflect

Any final comments or questions?

Sources: The Zondervan 2000 Pastor’s Annual, by T.T. Crabtree, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1999).

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