

## **Ignite: The Only Way to Salvation**

**Objective:** By the end of the lesson the student will understand that only through Christ can we attain salvation.

### **Bible Verses:**

Acts 4:12

Revelation 12:9

Revelation 20:5

John 14:6

I Corinthians 10:13

John 3:16

John 14:15

John 15:11

**Essential Question?** Do you think all religions lead to God or salvation? *Teacher Note:* Get the students to address the questions and flip chart their responses.

### **Opening:**

Read Acts 4:12. The Bible is clear Jesus is the only way to salvation. What are the implications of this?

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

The implications of this are that all other religions are false. Let's remember Satan deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9). Also, since God is love He will somehow find a way for all people to learn the truth and make a decision on whether or not they will follow it. This is what we teach about the Last Great Day (Revelation 20:5).

### **Content:**

Jesus tells us in John 14:6 that He is the way, the truth and the life. Why do you think He says this? It's because His death takes away all our sins which keeps us separate in our relationship with Him and His Father. By being sinless and dying for us He has bridged the gap between our sins and having a relationship with God.

Nothing in this life will equal the relationship we can have with God (Mark 8:36). What does it mean to gain the whole world in this scripture? It means to become successful in worldly ways whether that is thru money, power, possessions or people. Everything we gain in this life is going to end, the only thing that can last is a relationship with God.

Having a proper relationship with God won't make life any easier. We will still suffer pain and anguish in life even if we have the right relationship with Christ. But God promises to be there with us no matter what we go through (I Corinthians 10:13).

What do we learn from the most popular scripture of all time (John 3:16)? That Christ died for everyone so we could all have eternal life. What do you think belief means in this verse? Does it mean we just have to say we believe in Christ? Do we need to do anything in this relationship with Christ? (*Teacher note:* Make sure everyone understands true belief in something is taking action. One example you could address is if we believe in God we need to follow His laws (John 14:15).

When we are in relationship with Christ we will be experiencing joy (John 15:11). What is the difference between joy and happiness? Joy is a greater state of happiness.

### **Independent Practice:**

Have the students break into groups and discuss if they feel joy in their relationship with Christ. Let them know it is ok for them to admit they do or do not. Also ask them to discuss what they think happens to people who don't have a relationship with Christ. Have some of the students volunteer to share their responses. (*Teacher Note:* Depending on the responses let the students know that when you get baptized and commit to Christ you receive God's Holy Spirit and this will assist you in feeling greater joy in your relationship with Christ. Also, make sure the class understands the meaning of the Last Great Day and that God will reveal His truth to everyone so everyone will at some point have the opportunity to receive eternal life.

### **Close/Reflect**

What final comments or questions does anyone want to share on this topic?

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