



Repent, Believe and Follow

Bring: Basic Witnessing Cards and Optical Illusion Tracts. Bring trail mix bars with me to show that I am going to give them out to do good works to the homeless. Bring copies of “Hell’s Best Kept Secret and True and False Conversions” so that everyone can listen to them for homework or give them links to the website to listen to them. I text the students the links to these two teachings.

Care: Share a story from this past week. Ask about how everyone's personal relationship with God has been. If anyone is struggling then pray for them. Help care for the person's needs after the Bible Study.

Check-up: Go around and ask the following: How have you obeyed what you have learned? Who have you trained in what you have learned? With whom have you shared the gospel with?

Vision: Share vision that CCN is about sharing the gospel and making disciples that make disciples. Share a witnessing story or an inspiring quote. You can use the following Bible verses:

Bible Study

Start your Bible Study by everyone praying that God would convict them of their sin and of the things they need to do this coming week.

Background: Mark 1:14-17 Mark was written by John Mark. He heard everything from Peter. John Mark was the writer for Peter. It was probably written in Rome around 50 AD. This book is about discipleship, which is not just following a code but trusting Jesus, confessing Jesus, taking note of his conduct and following his teaching and being prepared to face the rejection that Jesus faced. The book is to go over Jesus’ ministry and mission. It also hints at the meaning of the events that were recorded. Mark is a collection of discrete units and not a continuous story.

Before our verses John is preaching and Baptizing. Jesus is baptized. Jesus goes into the wilderness to be tempted. Then Jesus begins his ministry.

Read this weeks passage:

Mark 1:14-17

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, **“Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”**

Background: Ephesians 2:1-10 - The Themes are that God has reconciled the creation and all kinds of people to himself. There are no issues that this letter was sent to address. This letter is to give general instruction in the truths of God. Epheasus loved magic and the occult. The temple of Artemis was there. (one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world)

Ephesians 1 is a greeting and a prayer of thanksgiving.

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were **dead in the trespasses and sins** ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, **following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—** ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, **carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath**, like the rest of mankind.⁴ But **God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,** ⁵ **even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—** ⁶ **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,** ⁷ so that in the **coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.** ⁸ For by **grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,** ⁹ **not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, **that we should walk in them.**

Basic answers just to know ahead of time.

Ask the following questions.

1. What did you like about this passage?
 - We are called to be fishers of men. We are called to share the gospel. Every Christian is called to share the gospel.
 - We were dead in our sins when he saved us and we did nothing to save ourselves.
 - We are created for good works.

- We are saved by grace through faith and it is a gift and not of our own doing.
2. What did you find difficult about this passage?
- That we are by nature creatures of wrath

Read this weeks passage again.

3. What does this passage teach about people?

- We are sinners by nature and under the influence of the devil.
- Christians were created for good works.

4. What does this passage teach about God?

- He is rich in mercy, kindness and grace and saved us not because of anything that we have done.
- He loves those that he saved even while they are yet sinners.

Obey. Train. Share. Have everyone pray that God would convict them of the things they need to do this coming week. Answer the following questions: Write down the answers so that you can keep each other accountable. Make commitments for the week.

5. How will you obey this passage?

- Do good deeds for those that I see that are in need.

6. Who will you train with this passage?

- Everyone at each of my Bible Studies.

7. With whom will you share the gospel with this week?

- Students at the college campuses that I go to each week.

Practice: Role play anything that you have learned in this passage. If a person has a temptation role play how they will avoid it. If a person has a hard conversation that they will have to have because of this then practice the conversation.

When we share the gospel we need to use the law so that people can understand why they need Jesus to die on the cross for them. If I told you that I just paid a 20,000 dollar fine for you then you would be upset and offended because as far as you are concerned you have never

done anything wrong. However if I tell you that you went 55 miles an hour through a blind and deaf convention and there were 10 clear warnings that you needed to go 15 miles an hour. The police were about to pick you up and place you in jail but don't worry I paid the fine. You can see that the fine being paid would make sense.

When we share the gospel we need to use the law to show them why they need a savior. The Bible says the following:

Rom 3:19 "Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God."

Ps 19:7 "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;"

Rom 3:20 "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

1 John 3:4 "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."

Gal 3:24 "So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith."

Rom 2:15: "They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them"

Witness to a student using the following. Then hand out the cards and have them witness to each other to practice.

Would you consider yourself to be a Good Person?

Can I ask you a few Questions to see if that is True ?

Have you every told a Lie?

Have you ever stolen?

Bible says lust=adultery ,Hate = Murder, Have you lusted or hated?

If God were to **Judge** you by the Ten commandments do you think you would be innocent or guilty?

Based on you being guilty would you go to **Heaven or Hell?**

—Does that **concern** you to go to hell?

—Jesus is truly God and truly man Suffered for our sins, died on the **cross** and rose from the dead.

—Have **faith** and trust that Jesus took the wrath of God you deserved when he died on the cross —**Repent** of your sin, turn away from trusting in your goodness and good deeds. Then turn from breaking Gods laws.

—Read your **Bible**, **obey** it. **Pray** and **share your faith**. Attend a Bible believing church.

Decide what questions the group wants to learn how to answer next week.

Background is taken from ESV Study Bible. The way to witness is taking from Living Waters materials.