

# ANSWER KEY

## Lesson 1

1. Class discussion.
2. Class discussion.
3. Personal reflection.
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5. Personal reflection.
6. The remedy didn't seem to make sense. To simply look at a pole to be healed would have seemed quite strange.
7. You never have to teach a baby to sin!
8. They attempt to do good works, attend church, go to confession, or numb the pain with substances, hobbies, or other idols.
9. Personal reflection and discussion.
10. Example: the law required washing hands before meals. The Pharisees, however, added extra rules that made that law absolutely cumbersome.
11. The point of the law was to prove the extent of a person's sinfulness. It was impossible to keep the law, though the religious leaders claimed to do so.
12. Personal reflection.
13. Class discussion.
14. Class discussion.
15. Class discussion.
16. It would seem Nicodemus was confused to the point of frustration and responded by saying something ridiculous.
17. Personal reflection.
18. Nicodemus should have known there would come a time when the Spirit of God would supernaturally give people new hearts.
19. Example: you can notice the wind's effects, but you can't see the wind, and you have no idea where it came from or where it is going. This is a fascinating truth when applied to the saving work of the Holy Spirit.
20. The Spirit moves mysteriously like the wind. We cannot predict whom the Holy Spirit will save.
21. Class discussion.
22. The Holy Spirit's work takes the pressure off us to "get people saved." We need to be faithful and then let the Holy Spirit do His sovereign work.
23. He's the only one qualified to give us this information.

24. Class discussion.

## Lesson 2

1. Class discussion.
2. Class discussion.
3. This statement is certainly true. A hand-colored paper isn't valuable unless your own child gave it to you. When it comes to God's gifts to us, the fact that it's from God brings context to the gift.
4. Personal reflection.
5. Example: not only are we saved to eternal life, but we are saved from condemnation. Those who don't believe will be condemned.
6. Cute things are easy to love. People or pets who love us back are easy to love. Difficult people and people who hurt us are hard to love.
7. Class discussion.
8. Example: how can the Trinity be one, yet show such separateness on so many occasions?
9. Personal reflection.
10. Thinking of eternal life in Jesus helps me know that whatever happens today, I have a hopeful future.
11. We can enjoy it in the here and now by knowing we have a relationship with the Creator of the universe, made possible by Jesus.
12. To believe means to have faith in something. It means to commit yourself to someone or something.
13. "Whosoever" means "whosoever without any limitations or qualifications." It tells us that we have a God Who cares about people and desires people to be saved.
14. We would consider a judge like that to be a terrible judge. He would not be just.
15. It gives hope and encouragement to us about those we are praying to get saved.
16. That condemnation began at birth.
17. Small children never have to be taught to be selfish, to steal, or to be mean to each other. They have to be taught to be good.
18. Personal reflection (and sharing if comfortable).
19. The verse seems to give people credit for their good works, but then at the end it seems to say God generated the good works.
20. Emphatically no.
21. God empowers us to do good works. He gives us an ability to come to the light.
22. Personal reflection.

## Lesson 3

1. Class discussion.
2. Class discussion.
3. Class discussion.
4. Personal reflection.
5. They both needed Jesus equally.
6. Jesus hasn't asked us something to do that He didn't do. He acted in the power of the Holy Spirit just as we have to do.
7. Personal reflection.
8. Personal reflection.
9. Personal reflection.
10. Personal reflection.
11. Knowing your own sinfulness makes the love of Jesus more amazing. We are truly depraved and unlovable.
12. Class discussion.
13. Sinners are everywhere! We find them in the ordinary places of life.
14. Class discussion.
15. She kept confusing Jesus' spiritual illustrations with physical realities.
16. The thirst is a deep desire to be in relationship with God, and the water is the gift of salvation.
17. Example: try to make connections between the physical and spiritual world. Discussions about children often result in talking about church and kids' programs.
18. The gift of God is salvation, which brings us into a relationship with God.
19. They try to find joy in people, material things, money, jobs, vacations, or any number of other things.
20. Personal reflection.
21. He means that the joy and satisfaction we find in Jesus will spring out of us.
22. Fear is the number one reason we hesitate to share Jesus. Other reasons are preoccupation and even apathy.
23. We should desire to share with others what's been so life-changing for us.

## Lesson 4

1. The statement assumes these people have already earned part of their salvation.
2. No. Being "cleaned up" is tantamount to working for salvation.
3. Personal reflection.
4. Personal reflection.

5. Class discussion.
6. It will end in disappointment.
7. Personal reflection.
8. Personal reflection.
9. The desire for such things as acceptance, comfort, security, love, and respect.
10. People love to talk about things like end times or evolution.
11. Some people talk about predestination, the historicity of miracles, or the nature of Noah's flood.
12. People love to show how the Old Testament law prescribes practices that we don't adhere to today. This seems inconsistent to people.
13. Keep pointing people to Jesus. When people are faced with the love of Jesus on a personal level, it becomes difficult for them to ask the question about God allowing pain and death.
14. Jesus made this statement to emphasize that salvation came only through the Jewish Messiah, not through any part of the Samaritan belief system.
15. True worshipers are people who genuinely know whom they are worshiping.
16. Many churches and movements diminish doctrine and elevate an experience of worship. Jesus is clear: knowledge is integral to worship.
17. Everything done in our formal worship in church should be centered on communicating the truth of the Word of God.
18. Example: people might use it as a justification for experienced-based worship that focuses on being caught up emotionally in the Spirit.
19. Personal reflection.
20. The only people who are qualified to worship are believers who possess the Holy Spirit and who know who God is.
21. We can worship corporately wherever a Biblically solid church meets. We can worship privately anywhere, anytime. Both the church (Eph. 2:21, 22) and our bodies (1 Cor. 6:19) are referred to as a temple of the Holy Spirit.
22. People often move the conversation toward specific beliefs of churches. It's important to keep driving people back to what Jesus says and what it means to place your faith in Jesus.
23. Personal reflection.
24. Personal reflection.

## Lesson 5

1. Class discussion.
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4. Class discussion.

5. It calls into question the impact of your salvation in your own life. We naturally share that which brings us joy.
6. The woman knew she was sinful; the disciples thought they were law abiding. The woman just met Jesus; the disciples had known Jesus for a while. The woman told everybody she knew about Him; the disciples didn't tell anybody about Him.
7. The joy new believers have found in Christ is so new and fresh that they have to tell everybody about it.
8. Busyness, jobs, sports, hobbies, kids' schedules.
9. We worship what we are passionate about.
10. Other perceived sources of joy keep us from finding ultimate satisfaction in Jesus.
11. All the students eagerly shared the joy of their Christmas presents with their friends. It was a big "show-and-tell" day.
12. She does everything she can to show off her ring to as many people as possible because it's a source of joy.
13. Personal reflection.
14. Class discussion.
15. We get busy in the tasks of life and forget the joy that we have in Jesus. Sometimes Jesus can become normal or commonplace to us.
16. Class discussion.
17. Class discussion.
18. Class discussion.
19. The woman found joy and satisfaction in Jesus, which led to worship, which led to sharing Jesus with everybody she knew.
20. Personal reflection.
21. The result was corporate worship, fellowship, and joy.
22. Evangelism was a natural outflow of a joyful, worshipping church. That should be challenging to all of us as we seek to share Jesus with others.
23. Reading His Word thoughtfully, praying frequently, meditating regularly, talking to others about how good Jesus is, spending time together with other believers, serving Christ in your local church.
24. God's Word and God's people are the building blocks for increasing our joy.

