

November 25, 2017

Freshmen - Christ

Scripture Passage: Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:11; John 8:57-58; Romans 5:19; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1; 2:17; 1 Timothy 2:5

Lesson: In this session, we focused on how Jesus is fully human and fully divine in one person. He was fully human because he was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a woman and is able to die in our place and be the mediator between God and man. He was fully God so he could bear the full penalty for sin for the whole world. Without Jesus being fully God and fully human in 1 person, there would be no valid payment and no one could be saved.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. Which is more difficult for you to believe - Jesus is fully human or fully God?
2. Why did Jesus need to be both God and man in order to fulfill God's mission?
3. Is it okay to just accept the mysteries of God by faith, or are we to analyze and try to understand everything?

Sophomores - True Faith and Knowledge

Scripture Passage: Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:1

Lesson: If something is true, it is true for all people for all time. If Christianity is true, then it is true for everyone. We are not called merely to believe the truths of Christianity but place our faith in Christ. Faith is when we confidently entrust our lives to something about which we lack control. This definition is drawn from Hebrews 11:1, where the writer characterizes faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith has to do with having our minds made up (we have assurance and a conviction) about matters that go beyond us (things hoped for and unseen).

But how do we come to have our minds made up? God ultimately solidifies our faith. However, one way He does this is through the use of reason and our knowledge. The story of Abraham's going up to sacrifice Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19) is a great example of faith that is grounded in knowledge. Though this is an extraordinary call, there was nothing irrational about Abraham's trusting God in these circumstances. At this point in Abraham's life, he had plenty of reasons for taking God to be faith worthy and good. Disciples today can follow his example.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. How would you respond to someone that thinks truth is relative? Or it is different for each person?
2. Explain the difference between truth and faith.
3. What is the role of reason and knowledge for coming to know that God is trustworthy—or what we've called faith worthy?

Juniors - Homosexuality

Scripture Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 1:25-27

Lesson Theme: In this session, disciples will learn about homosexuality. They will understand that homosexual behavior is sinful.



Family Discussion Questions:

1. What is God's design for sexuality?
2. Why would the Bible describe homosexual behavior as "degrading passions"?
3. How can we demonstrate biblical sexuality in our lives?

Seniors - Discussion Panel