

LESSON TWO

HOW TO ACCEPT CHRIST

Focus: Christ forgives our sin by means of faith in Him.

Objectives: At the conclusion of the lesson the learner should be able to:

Define faith.

Explain the role of faith in forgiveness.

Write out your own personal statement of faith.

OUTLINE

<u>Content</u>	<u>Teaching Method</u>
<u>Involve:</u> Brainstorm about the definition of faith.	
I. Define sin	Mini-lecture
A. All have sinned	Mini-lecture
B. If we say we have no sin, God's a liar	
II. Role of faith in forgiveness	Case Study
A. Believe Bible	
B. Believe God will honor your faith	
C. Believe he will forgive you	
D. Believe Jesus is the only way to God	
E. Illustrations: Abraham, Men of Faith	
III. Christ the object of our faith	Question/Answer
A. We are called to Christ	
1. Understand inadequacy to reach God on our own	
2. Understand need for forgiveness	
3. Accept forgiveness of sin	
IV. By faith, trust Christ	
A. Summary	
B. Prayer	
V. Claim promises given to believers	Discussion

Apply: Write out your own statement of faith.

TEACHER'S PLAN FOR LESSON TWO

HOW TO ACCEPT CHRIST

Involve: Brainstorm about the definition of faith. Write the words "Faith is..." (and have class brainstorm about the definition) on the blackboard.
(5 min.)

Explore:

(10 min.) Step 1.

I. Define sin

Begin with a short lecture highlighting the definition of sin. The compact Bible dictionary defines sin as "anything in the creation which does not express, or which is contrary to the holy character of the Creator." The essence of sin is living independently of God. Look up the scripture verses and clarify any questions,

(15 min.) Step 2.

II. Role of faith in forgiveness

Mini-lecture. Give background on the definition of faith. Explain it as a vehicle, whose object is the determinant of its validity. Look up the supporting verses. Define faith and point to its example in Heb. 11: 1-38. Emphasize that faith is trust in the person of Jesus, the truth of His teaching, and the redemptive work He accomplished at Calvary. Use Abraham as a case study. His faith was in God, and was demonstrated in the fact that God credited righteousness to Him.

(15 min.) Step 3.

III. **Christ is the object of our faith.** Read Romans 8:1-14. Break into groups of 4-5. Choose a leader and a recorder. Answer the following questions:

1. Why is there condemnation in the first place? _____
2. What could the law not do? _____
3. What "did" God do? _____
4. Who was the offering for sin? How did Christ condemn sin in the Flesh? _____
5. What is the requirement of the law? _____
6. Why is the mind set on the flesh hostile to God? _____
7. Why can't those in the flesh please God? _____
8. Who is the Spirit? _____

9. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is also. Explain why Christ is the object of our faith.

Read Luke 18:9-14.

1. What is the primary attitude of the Pharisee? _____
2. Do you think he went down to his house justified? _____
3. Why or why not?
4. The tax gatherer realized something with his state that the Pharisee didn't. What is it?

Read Rom. 6:23

1. What are the consequences involved in not accepting God's gift of forgiveness in Christ?

(10 min.) Step 4.

IV. By faith, trust Christ

Summarize the major points made this far. This would be an appropriate time to pray, to provide an opportunity for any present to ask Christ to forgive their sins and by faith establish a relationship with God.

(10 min.) Step 5.

V. Claims

Divide into groups of 4-5 and look up the verses corresponding to each claim. These verses appear in the teacher's guide only.

Apply:

(5 min.) Write out your own personal statement of faith

TEACHER'S OUTLINE FOR LESSON TWO

HOW TO ACCEPT CHRIST

Involvement: Brainstorm about the definition of faith.
(5 min.)

Explore:
(60 min.)

I. Define sin

A. The Bible says all men have sinned

Rom 3:9-20 Rom 6:12-21

B. The Bible says that if we do not admit we have sinned, we make God a liar.

I John 1:8-19

II. Role of faith in forgiveness.

Definition: "Belief is **active faith** or trust in God's word and God's son. It means to adhere to, trust in, or rely on." (Amplified New Testament)

A. Believe the record we have in the Bible

I John 5:10-11 John 20:30-31

B. Believe that God will honor your faith

John 3:14; 5:24 Acts 16:30-31

C. Believe He will forgive you when you ask Him and come to Him

John 6:37 Romans 10:1-10

Hebrews 11:6

D. Believe that Jesus is the only way to God

John 10:30, 14:6

E. Illustrations of Godly faith in the New Testament
Men of faith

Abraham Rom. 4:13-22 Hebrews 11:1-38

III. Christ is the object of our faith

A. We are called to Christ

1. We must understand our inadequacy to reach God on our own - Rom. 8:1-14

Why is there condemnation in the first place? _____

What could the law not do? _____

What "did" God do? _____

Who was the offering for sin? How did Christ condemn sin in the flesh? _____

What is the requirement of the law? _____

Why is the mind set on the flesh hostile to God? _____

Why can't those in the flesh please God? _____

Who is the Spirit? _____

If Christ is in you, the Spirit is also. Explain why Christ is the object of our faith. _____

2. We must understand our need for forgiveness
Luke 18:9-14

What is the primary **attitude** of the Pharisee? _____

Do you think he went down to his house justified? _____

Why or why not? _____

The tax gatherer realized something that the Pharisee didn't. What is it? _____

3. We must accept forgiveness of sin - Rom 6:23

What are the consequences involved in not accepting God's gift of forgiveness in Christ? _____

IV. By faith, trust Christ

- A. Place your trust in Him as your personal Savior; invite Him into your life

John 1:12

John 5:24

- B. Pray

Luke 18:13-14

"Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying for me. I open my life to You and claim You as my personal Savior. Thank you for forgiving my sins,"

V. Claim the promises given to believers

- A. Continual forgiveness\ - 1 John 1:9
- B. Fellowship with God - 1 John 1:7
- C. New Birth, New Life - John 3:3,5 - 2 Cor. 5:17
- D. Eternal life - 1 John 5:13
- E. Power of God's Spirit - Eph. 3:14-21

Apply: Bring to the next lesson your own personal statement of faith in (5min.) writing. It should be short enough to tell someone in less than three minutes.

STUDENT STRUCTURED NOTES FOR LESSON TWO

HOW TO ACCEPT CHRIST

Involvement: Brainstorm about the words "Faith is ..." on the blackboard.
Discuss some definitions.

Explore: I. Define sin

A.

B.

II. Role of faith in forgiveness.

A.

B.

C.

D.

E. Illustrations

III. Christ, the object of our faith

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A. Summary

V. Claim promises given to believers

A.

D.

B.

E.

C.

Apply: Write out your own personal statement of faith.