

Fresh Start
Wk 1
Meaning of Salvation

Purpose: For students to truly grasp what it means to be saved and what we're saved from.

Passage (s): Col. 1:12-14

Topic: The concept of needing to be rescued

Ricks Devotional: In the verses Paul gives us 3 thoughts on what it means to have salvation

1. Christ qualifies us for it, we do nothing to get there on our own
In order for us to be qualified for something, there's a standard that needs to be meant. That standard, perfection only Christ can meet. Therefore only he can qualify us.

2. Christ rescues us, we're in such sad shape that we need to be rescued
So often we take sin so lightly, and take for granted God's feeling toward it. He hates's it and He hates that we're trapped in it. But he's so desperately in love with us that He sends His son to rescue us out of it.

3. Christ restores us, to His kingdom and call's us his children
Christ brings us back, many times we forget that we were once with out God. Many of the students still are. That we belong to Him, and that we are wayward in our lives and in our thinking. It's the picture of a kid running away from home, full of rebellion and pain. They realize that there in over their head, but in order for them to come home the pain they've cause has to be paid for. They have to be adopted. They were never abandoned, but they chose it, so now they must be adopted in order to be part of the family.

Small Group:

This will be a rather short lesson, so you'll probably have extra time in small group.

Option A

1. Are there specific areas of your life which you've seen a change since becoming a Christian?
 - a. What area's?
 - b. If not, is there a chance you're not saved. (*New creation 2 Cor. 5:17*)
2. People often forget how valuable salvation is, why?
3. If someone asked you for advice on how to better appreciate what God has done for them, what would you suggest?

Option B

1. Look up Rom. 5:8 and Rom. 6:23, according to these verses what has God done for you? Do you appreciate it?
2. IS there someone you know that needs to hear what salvation really means, who? Pray for the opportunity and courage to speak to that person this week.