

THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

LESSON

1

Icebreaker Question: If you could live anywhere on this planet, and take everything that you love with you, where would you choose to live and why?

What is the Bible saying?

1. God created life

Colossians 1:16

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

All things were made by Christ and this includes all things in heaven and earth, both the visible and invisible creations. All things are under His dominion. Everything exists in Him, through Him, and for Him. Christ is the means through which all things came into being and He is also the One for whom they were made.

2. God entrusted the gift of life to man

Acts 17:28-29

for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

God is not a distant god, in fact He's not far from every one of us. This doesn't mean that all the people in the world are spiritual children of God because sinners become God's children only by having faith in Jesus. But this affirms the "Fatherhood of God" in a natural sense for man was created in the image of God. Since He made us in His image, it is foolish for us to make gods in our own image.

3. God wants man to be a good steward of life*1 Corinthians 4:2**Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.*

A steward is a servant who manages everything for his master, but who himself owns nothing. The responsibility of the steward is to be faithful to his master. A steward may not please the members of the household; he may not even please some of the other servants; but if he pleases his own master, he is a good steward.

How is the Word relevant to my life?

- ☞ Can you consider your life as a blessing from God and why?
- ☞ What makes you tired of your life here on earth?

How will I apply the Word to my life?

- ☞ Who are the people that you consider as God's blessings to your life?
- ☞ What are the actions that you will do to show your gratitude toward them?

Prayer:

Thank God for the physical life that He has given to you through your parents. Pray that you would become a good steward of this life entrusted to you by God.



Reflection

THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE

LESSON



Icebreaker Question: If you had a fire at your house and all the people were safe and you had time to save five things important to you (with weight being no problem), what five things would you save in order of their importance to you?

What is the Bible saying?

1. Everything God has created is very good and important and that includes life

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

This verse talks about the general review and approval of everything God had made at the end of the six days' work of creation. Man, as well as other things was very good when he came from his Maker's hand. The plan was wise, the work was well executed, the different parts properly arranged; their nature, limits, mode of existence, manner of propagation, habits, and mode of sustenance were properly and permanently established and secured, for everything was formed to the utmost perfection of its nature so that nothing could be added or diminished.

2. Man's life is more important than the totality of this world

Mark 8:36-37

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

What good is it for a person to gain the whole world, all earthly pleasures, fame, and possessions, if this were possible, and yet lose his soul, not gaining eternal life with God? The answer is, "It is no good!" For what can a person give in exchange for

his soul, for eternal because having gained irrevocably lost eternal

3. Life is so precious it from man

Surely for your lifeblood of every beast I will require the hand of every man. Whoever sheds man's blood in the

Before the eyes of God why the shedding of blood will punish the murderer. The suicide and the killing the shedding of man's

How is this true?

- Do you consider your life important? Why?
- What actions do you consider your life important?

How will this affect me?

- Are you grateful for the earth? Why?
- What can you do to manage your life?

Prayer:

Surrender your life to God. Manage your life for God.

his soul, for eternal life with God? The answer is, "Nothing, because having gained the whole world he has in the end irrevocably lost eternal life with God with nothing to pay for it.

3. Life is so precious that only God has the right to take it from man

Genesis 9:5-6

*Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.
"Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God, He made man.*

Before the eyes of God, man's life is so precious and that is why the shedding of human blood is strongly prohibited. God will punish the murderer and exact the penalty of his crime. The suicide and the homicide are alike accountable to God for the shedding of man's blood.

How is the Word relevant to my life?

- ⌚ Do you consider your life and the life of others important? Why?
- ⌚ What actions are you doing daily to prove that you consider your life precious?

How will I apply the Word to my life?

- ⌚ Are you grateful to God for giving you life here on earth? Why?
- ⌚ What can you do to show your gratefulness before God?

Prayer:

Surrender your life to God as you pray and ask Him to help you manage your life well for His glory.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Icebreaker Question: What is your most important goal in life right now and will your life change in some way if that goal is reached? If so, how?

What is the Bible saying?

1. We were born to glorify God

Isaiah 43:7

Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

To be called by the name of anyone means being regarded as his son, since a son bears the name of his father. So as God's children, we were created to display the attributes of our God and we have the privilege also to declare His praises through all the earth.

2. We were born to be conformed to Christ

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

The outcome or the end of our salvation must be our conformity to Christ in eternal glory which includes our moral conformity to Him. God determined in advance the destiny of believers which is conformity to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

3. We were born to do good works

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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Believers are God's workmanship because we have been created in Christ Jesus. This is a work that only God can do. The purpose of this creation is that believers of Christ will do good works. God's workmanship is not achieved by good works, but it will result in good works. God has prepared a path of good works for us as Christians which He will perform in and through us as we walk by faith. This does not mean doing a work for God but God's performing His work in and through believers.



Reflection

How is the Word relevant to my life?

- ⌚ How can you prove that God is being glorified in your life?
- ⌚ Why good works are relevant to a life that glorifies God?

How will I apply the Word to my life?

- ⌚ What are areas in your life that still need to be conformed to Christ?
- ⌚ What are the steps for you to grow more like Christ?

Prayer:

Ask God to do His good works in your life and let Him do His good works to others through you.

THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE



Icebreaker Question: Did you experienced being lost? What did you do in order to go back to the right way?

What is the Bible saying?

1. Eternal life is knowing God personally

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Eternal life is not just believing there is God and knowing about God but having a personal relationship with Him through faith in Jesus. We cannot know the Father apart from the Son. People may be religiously sincere and still not know God. Eternal life is the quality or character of our new redeemed existence in Jesus as well as the unending character of this life which is granted by God as a gift to all believers.

2. Jesus is the giver of eternal life

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

We know that we have eternal life not only because there is a witness of the Holy Spirit within us but also because there's a witness of the Word of God. We receive eternal life through faith not only from Christ, but in Christ. God has gone on record in His Word as offering eternal life to those who will believe on Jesus. Not to believe it is to make God a liar and if

God is a liar, nothing know that they belong to

3. Man must believe in God

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The motivation of God is not limited to a few or to one world. God's love was a priceless gift - His Son. It was not earned. A person is

Eternal life is not something we earn; it is a gift we receive by believing on Jesus alone and living, and believing in Jesus. Anyone who believes in Jesus has eternal life, which a believer has and will possess forever.

How is the world to be saved?

☞ What convinces people to believe in Jesus?

☞ What makes you believe in Jesus for salvation?

How will I know if I'm saved?

☞ Who are the people who believe in the truth about eternal life?

☞ What are the indications in my life in order for them to believe in me?

Prayer:

Thank God for the gift of salvation in Jesus. Pray also for the salvation of your friends and especially your family.

God is a liar, nothing is certain. God wants His children to know that they belong to Him.

3. Man must believe in Jesus in order to receive eternal life

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The motivation of God toward people is love. His love is not limited to a few or to one group of people but it is for the whole world. God's love was expressed in the giving of His most priceless gift - His Son. On man's side, the gift is to be received, not earned. A person is saved by believing in Jesus.

Eternal life is not something we earn by character or conduct, it is a gift we receive by admitting we're sinners, repenting, and believing on Jesus alone. The difference between perishing and living, and between condemnation and salvation, is faith in Jesus. Anyone who believes in Jesus has a new quality of life, which a believer has now as a present possession and will possess forever.

How is the Word relevant to my life?

- ⌚ What convinces you that you have eternal life?
- ⌚ What makes you doubtful about your assurance of salvation?

How will I apply the Word to my life?

- ⌚ Who are the people around you that need to know the truth about eternal life?
- ⌚ What are the immediate steps that you should do in order for them to hear God's plan of salvation?

Prayer:

Thank God for the eternal life that He has given to you through Jesus. Pray also for the salvation of those people around you especially your family members.

THE BLESSINGS OF HAVING JESUS IN OUR LIVES

LESSON



Icebreaker Question: What is the greatest blessing or gift you have received so far? Why do you consider it as the greatest gift?

What is the Bible saying?

1. Believing and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior paves the way for the forgiveness of our sins

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Forgiveness of sins and redemption go together. Forgiveness means “to cancel a debt.” Christ has not only set us free and transferred us to a new kingdom, but He has cancelled every debt so that we cannot be enslaved again. Satan cannot find anything in the files that will accuse us. God’s forgiveness of sinners is an act of His grace. We don’t deserve to be forgiven and we can’t earn forgiveness. Forgiveness of our sins makes it possible for us to have fellowship with God, enjoy His grace, and do His will.

Forgiveness is not an excuse for sin but an encouragement for obedience. No other person but Jesus could redeem us, forgive us, transfer us out of Satan’s kingdom into God’s kingdom, and do it wholly by grace. He had to shed His blood to deliver us from sin.

2. Jesus gives us a new life

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

To be in Christ is to be a new creation. This new creation is

brought about by the Holy Spirit who is the Agent of regeneration and the Giver of divine birth. The old life of slavery to self and sin has gone. The new life of devotion to Christ means that one has new attitudes and actions. To be in Christ denotes a personal and closer union with Him. All our strength is derived from Him. It denotes further that we shall partake of His fullness, and share in His glory.

All who become true Christians undergo such a change in their views and feelings as to make it proper to say of them that they are new creatures. No matter what they have been before, whether moral or immoral; if they become Christians they all experience such a change as to make it proper to say they are a new creation.

3. Our Lord and Savior Jesus blesses us with joy, peace, abundant and satisfied life

John 10:10

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

It is certain that Christians have enjoyed greater blessings and privileges. Jesus has come that we may have abundance; abundance of grace, peace, love, life, and salvation. He came that we might have abundance, or that which abounds. We shall not merely have a simple life or bare existence but we shall have all those superadded things which are needful to make our life blessed and happy. Jesus will give us eternal joy and peace now and all those exalted means of felicity which are prepared for us in the world of glory.

How is the Word relevant to my life?

- ✍ What are the proofs that you are now a new creation in Christ?
- ✍ Cite an incident in your life when God's power helped you in overcoming the deeds of your old life?