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Student Workbook

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Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson.
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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Lesson 1

Alone

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 76

Scripture: Luke 23:26-31

Memory Verse: “Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’” (Luke 23:30)

Lesson Truth: Jesus was alone in His suffering. The Redeemer suffered to pay for the sins of His people.

Lesson

Jesus suffered on the way to the cross. No one understood His suffering. He suffered alone. Even His friends did not understand. Some women cried when they saw Him. But they did not understand. They cried for the wrong reason. Jesus’ heart was filled with sorrow. His sorrow was true sorrow. It was true because He knew the awful sins of men. Jesus knew that He would die to pay for those sins.

It was very sad. Pilate let a murderer go free. But he let the Jews take Jesus. They wanted to crucify Jesus. So, they led Him out of Jerusalem. No one wanted Jesus. They decided to put Him out of the city. Jesus could hardly carry His heavy cross. So, the soldiers made Simon carry it. The people did not know what they were doing. Jesus could bring God’s grace. Yet the people did not want that grace. Just think, they were sending God’s grace out of Jerusalem.

Some women saw Jesus struggling. They cried for Him. They saw how mean the soldiers were. Sadly, the women did not understand. They did not understand why Jesus was suffering. That is why Jesus turned and talked to the women.

He told them not to weep for Him. He told them that they should weep for themselves. And they should weep for their children. Do you know why

Jesus told them those things? He told them because He knew that the people of Jerusalem would suffer. They would suffer because they rejected Jesus. It would be terrible for mothers to watch their children suffer. It would be so bad that mothers without children would feel blessed. Do you know how bad mothers would feel about their children's suffering? They would ask the mountains and hills to fall on them. Then they would not see their children suffer.

Jesus knew that the women were crying for the wrong reason. He wanted them to weep for those who do not know Jesus. He wanted them to weep for those who would be separated from God. Jesus suffered all these things on the way to the cross. He suffered all alone. He was alone because no one understood. Yet He suffered to pay for the sins of His people. Just think! Jesus suffered for your sins and for my sins!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. It was sad that (Herod – Pilate) let a murderer go free.
2. The Jews wanted to (honor – crucify) Jesus, so they led Him from Jerusalem.
3. Jesus told the women not to (weep – rejoice) for Him.
4. Jesus told the women they should (weep – rejoice) for themselves and for their children.
5. Jesus wanted the (disciples – women) to weep for those that do not know the Lord.

His Sacrifice

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 77

Scripture: Luke 23:32-56

Memory Verse: “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.” (Psalm 31:5)

Lesson Truth: Jesus was the sacrifice that brought salvation. He offered Himself to the Father to be this sacrifice.

Lesson

A sacrifice is something offered to God. It is offered to turn away God’s anger against sin. Jesus offered Himself to be the sacrifice for sin. He offered Himself to turn away God’s anger against sin. Jesus paid for all the sins of His people. He paid for the sin of not knowing God’s Word. Jesus even paid for the sins of a criminal on the cross.

Jesus was being led to the cross. Two criminals were going to be crucified with Him. A crowd of people followed them. Soon they came to a place called Calvary. There at Calvary they nailed Jesus to a cross. The criminals were also nailed to a cross. The criminals were each on a side of Jesus. Jesus did something wonderful when they nailed Him to the cross. He prayed to His Father in heaven. He prayed for the people that brought Him to the cross.

Do you know what Jesus prayed? He prayed that His Father would forgive those who crucified Him. He said forgive them because they did not know what they were doing. The leaders in Israel did not know what they were doing. They did not believe that Jesus was their Redeemer. They should have known that He was the Redeemer. Jesus told them that He was the Savior. Sadly, the leaders and many people did not believe Jesus. They did not know God’s Word. They did not know what the prophets told them.

Jesus wanted the people to know God's Word. He wanted them to know that He brought God's grace. That is why Jesus asked the Father to forgive them. Do you know how we can tell that the people did not believe Jesus? We can tell because they mocked Him. They made fun of Him. They said, "He saved others, let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God" (Luke 23:35).

Even the soldiers mocked Him. They also said, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself" (Luke 23:37). Then one of the criminals on the cross, mocked Jesus. He also said, "If You are the Christ, save yourself and us" (Luke 23:39). The people did not believe the Lord Jesus.

Then we read about one person who did believe. He showed that God's grace worked in his heart. This person was the other criminal. He asked Jesus to remember him when He came into His Kingdom. This criminal believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. Do you know what wonderful thing Jesus said to him? He said that this very day he would be with Jesus in heaven.

Now Jesus was ready to die. The whole world became dark for three hours. The curtain in the temple was torn in two. This meant that no more animal sacrifices had to be offered. Now Jesus was the sacrifice for sin. He was perfect and He was obedient. He gave Himself as the sacrifice to His Father. Jesus said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46). Then the Roman soldier glorified God. He said that Jesus was a righteous Man. Later Joseph took Jesus' body down from the cross. Joseph was a member of the council. But he was also a believer. He put Jesus' body in a new tomb.

Jesus' body rested in the grave for three days. Then God raised Him from the dead. This showed that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice. He is the sacrifice for the sins of His people. Jesus is the sacrifice that turns God's anger away from our sins!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. When Jesus was crucified (two – four) criminals were crucified with Him.

2. Jesus prayed that His Father would (curse – forgive) those who crucified Him.
3. We can tell that the people did not believe Jesus because they (praised – mocked) Him.
4. Jesus said to the criminal who believed, “(Today – Next year) you will be with Me in heaven.”
5. When Jesus was on the cross there was darkness for (nine – three) hours.

The Redemption of Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 3, Lesson 78

Scripture: Luke 24

Memory Verse: “He is not here, but is risen!” (Luke 24:6a)

Lesson Truth: Jesus earned the victory over death when He arose. In this way He became the Redeemer of life.

Lesson

“Redeem” means to buy back. Jesus bought back life for mankind. He did this when He died on the cross and when arose from the dead. Jesus won the victory over death. In this way He became the Redeemer of life. The Redeemer of life told His disciples to tell others that He arose. They had to tell people in every nation to repent and believe.

This is the story of Jesus rising from the dead. Jesus died when He was nailed to the cross. A believer named Joseph put His body in a new tomb. On the first day of the week some women went to the tomb. They were going to put spices on Jesus’ body. They were surprised when they came to the tomb. The big stone was rolled away from the door. The body of Jesus was not in the tomb. The women did not know where it was.

Just then, two men in shining clothes came to them. They were angels sent from God. They asked the women why they were looking for Jesus in the tomb. Then they said something amazing! They said, “He is not here, but is risen!” (Luke 24:6). The women could not believe it! The angels then told them to remember what Jesus said before. Jesus said that He would suffer and die. But He also said that He would arise from the dead. Now the women remembered. So, they went back to Jerusalem to tell the other believers. The others thought the women made up this story. They did not believe that Jesus was alive.

That afternoon two followers of Jesus were going to Emmaus. Emmaus was a village not far from Jerusalem. These men were very sad as they walked and talked on the road. Suddenly a stranger appeared. He walked along with the men. He asked them why they were so sad. The men were surprised. Didn't this stranger know what happened to Jesus? Jesus their Lord had been crucified and buried. Now some women said that He was alive. But they could not believe what the women said. The stranger told the men that they were foolish. He told them that they were slow to believe the prophets.

When they came to Emmaus the stranger would have kept going. But the men convinced Him to stay with them. Later they sat down to eat. The stranger broke some bread and gave it to the men. Then something wonderful happened. The men's eyes were opened. They knew that the stranger was Jesus. Just then Jesus disappeared. The men said their hearts burned when Jesus talked to them. Jesus wanted them to believe He was alive. He wanted them to believe God's Word. God's Word said that he would rise from the dead.

The men went to Jerusalem to tell the others. As they were talking, Jesus suddenly appeared! This made them all afraid. They thought He was a ghost. But Jesus showed them His hands and His feet. He told them to touch Him. He was really alive.

Jesus then showed them His grace. He opened their understanding. Now they knew what the Scriptures had said. The Scriptures said that Jesus would rise from the dead. Jesus told them something else the Scriptures said. He said His followers were His witnesses. They had to tell people in every nation to repent. They had to tell them that Jesus is alive and that He forgives sins. Then Jesus went up to heaven. In heaven He is making everything ready for His people.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. On the first day of the week (the disciples – some women) went to the tomb.

2. They were surprised that Jesus body (was – was not) in the tomb.
3. The two men who were (angels – disciples) said, “He is not here, He is risen!”
4. When the stranger broke some bread and gave it to the men their (ears – eyes) were opened and they knew He was Jesus.
5. Jesus showed His (followers – enemies) His grace when He opened their understanding.

The True Light

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 1

Scripture: John 1:1-34

Memory Verse: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus came into the world. He was born a human baby. Jesus is the Light of the world. John said that He was the True Light.

Lesson

Do you like to be in the dark? Darkness can be scary. People without Jesus are in the darkness of sin. John the Baptist said that Jesus was the light of the world. He came to take away the darkness of sin. John came to tell people that Jesus was coming. He was the messenger that the prophet Isaiah talked about. John was the voice in the wilderness. John told the people to make a straight path for the King. That King was Jesus.

John also called Jesus other special names. He told us that Jesus was God. He told us in a special way. John said that Jesus was the Word. He said the Word was in the beginning. John said the Word was with God. And He said that the Word was God. John then told us that the Word made all things. The Word was the Creator. In this Creator was life. And that life was the light of men. Jesus was that light. He shined in the darkness of sin. And sin could not hold out the light.

God sent John to tell us about Jesus. He had to tell what he saw. John said that he was not the Light. When he said that, He meant that he was not Jesus. But he was sent to tell about Jesus, who was the Light. The Light that John told about is the True Light. This True Light lights every man who comes into the world. John said that the True Light made everything in the world. But it was very sad that the world did not know Him. Many of the children of Israel did not know Jesus. Still, God showed His grace. Other people

knew Jesus and believed Him. The people who believed Jesus could be called children of God. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior?

John then told about Jesus in another special way. He said that Jesus became flesh. This meant that Jesus was truly a man. He had to be an obedient man. Adam the first man was disobedient. That is why Jesus had to be obedient. He had to do what Adam could not do. In this way Jesus showed that He was full of grace and truth.

Some priests and Levites came to John. The Pharisees sent them. They asked John if he was the Christ. He told them that he was not the Christ. And he was not Elijah or any other prophet. John said that he was the man that Isaiah told about. He was a voice in the wilderness. This voice told the people to be ready. They had to make a path for a King. The King that was coming was Jesus. Then John said something wonderful. He said that he baptized with water. But Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit. He would call people to be God's children.

John then talked about Jesus in one more special way. He said that Jesus was the Lamb of God. Lambs were used to sacrifice for sin. This meant that Jesus was the sacrifice for the sins of His people. He was the Lamb of God.

Can you remember that John talked about Jesus in these special ways? He said that Jesus was the Word. He said that Jesus was the True Light. John said that Jesus became flesh. And he said that Jesus was the Lamb of God. In all these ways, we know that Jesus is our Lord and Redeemer.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. John said that (a priest – Jesus) was the Word.
2. Jesus was the (light – star) that shined in the darkness of sin.
3. The True Light that came into the world was (John – Jesus).

4. The voice in the wilderness that Isaiah told about was (John – Jesus).

5. The Lamb of God that John told about was (a Levite – Jesus).

Confessors

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 2

Scripture: John 1:35-51

Memory Verse: “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel.” (John 1:49b)

Lesson Truth: Jesus called His disciples. He brought them to confess His name. They confessed that He was the Messiah. They confessed that He was the Son of God.

Lesson

A confessor is a person who says something that he knows is true. Several disciples confessed that they were believers. They believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. These disciples confessed after Jesus called them. Andrew and his friend confessed. They confessed that Jesus was the Messiah. Simon, Philip, and Nathanael confessed. They confessed that Jesus was the Son of God. They confessed that Jesus was the Redeemer that the prophets told about.

John the Baptist said that he believed in Jesus. He was standing with two of his disciples. They saw Jesus walking. Then John said: “Behold the Lamb of God!” (John 1:36). John confessed that Jesus was the Lamb that was sacrificed. He confessed that Jesus was the Messiah. After John confessed two of his disciples followed Jesus. They were Andrew and his friend. In their heart they wanted to be with Jesus. God put this desire in their hearts. Jesus asked them what they wanted. They wanted to be with Jesus, but they did not know why. So, they asked Him, “Teacher where are You staying?” (John 1:38). Jesus told them to come and see. So, they went with Jesus. Then they confessed His name.

Andrew and his friend confessed Jesus’ name to Simon. They told Simon that they had found the Messiah. Then they brought Simon to see Jesus.

Jesus knew Simon right away. He knew that Simon would help to build His church. So, Jesus looked at Simon and said something special. He told Simon that he would be called Peter. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. He did this because Peter means rock. And Peter would be a rock for Jesus. Jesus would build His Church on this rock.

Jesus then started to go to Galilee. On the way He saw Philip. Jesus said to Philip, "Follow Me" (John 1:43). Philip knew that Jesus was the Redeemer. He knew that His command was special. So, he followed Jesus. Philip then found Nathanael. He confessed to Nathanael that he found the Redeemer. He told Nathanael that he found the Redeemer that the prophets told about. Philip said the Redeemer was the son of Joseph.

Nathanael went with Philip to see Jesus. Jesus said something very special about Nathanael. He said that he was a true Israelite. He said that Nathanael did not cheat or lie. Jesus also told Nathanael that he knew him. He knew him before Philip talked to him. Then Nathanael confessed Jesus' name. He said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" (John 1:49). Rabbi means teacher. Nathanael believed that Jesus was the teacher. He believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

These are the stories about believers. These men believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. They confessed Jesus' name when He called them. They confessed that Jesus was the Messiah. They confessed that Jesus was the Son of God. Are you a confessor? Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah? Do you believe that He is your Redeemer?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. (Peter – John) said: "Behold the Lamb of God."
2. Andrew and his friend confessed Jesus' name to (John – Simon).

3. The name (Peter – Philip) means rock. Jesus would build His Church on this rock.

4. Philip confessed to (John the Baptist – Nathanael) that he found the Redeemer.

5. (Philip – Nathanael) confessed and said, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God?”

Life's Renewer

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 3

Scripture: John 2:1-12

Memory Verse: “Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

Lesson Truth: Jesus showed that He was the One who renewed life. He did this at a wedding feast at Cana.

Lesson

The title of our lessons tells about a Renewer. Jesus is the One who can give us new life. He gave the joy of life back to His people. Jesus put His people be in touch with God again. Jesus used a miracle as a sign that He was the Redeemer. He gave His disciples the faith to believe.

Jesus and His disciple came from Nazareth. They went to Cana in Galilee. They went to Cana to a wedding feast. Jesus' mother, Mary, was at this wedding feast. She noticed that they ran out of wine for the feast. So, she went to tell Jesus. Mary knew that Jesus was the Lord. She knew that He had the power over everything. Mary knew that Jesus could make more wine for the wedding feast. But Jesus had to tell Mary to wait. He could only do a miracle in the Father's time. So, Jesus asked His mother about her worry. What did her worry about the wine have to do with Him? Maybe this was not the time to show that He was the Redeemer. But Mary still wanted Him to do something. She told the servants do whatever Jesus told them.

Jesus then saw six big water jars. Now, He knew that this was the time to show that He was the Christ. This was the time the Father in heaven had made for Him. So, Jesus told the servants to fill the water jars with water. He told them to bring a taste of this water to the master of the feast. Then an amazing thing happened.

The master of the feast tasted wine instead of water. Jesus had changed the water into wine. And it was very good wine. So, He called the bridegroom. He asked the bridegroom why he did things differently than others. At other wedding feasts they served the best wine first. But the master said this bridegroom kept the best until last. This was Jesus' first miracle. This miracle was a sign that He was the Christ. It was a sign to show His glory. It was a sign that He was the Redeemer.

Jesus was different than John the Baptist. John stayed away from pleasure. He lived in the desert. He ate only locusts and wild honey. But Jesus paid for people's sins. He renewed life. Jesus went to a wedding to show that His people can have joy again. The Lord's disciples saw this miracle. They saw Jesus change water into wine. The disciples saw His glory in this miracle. Now they believed in Him. They knew that He was the Messiah. He was the Son of God as they had confessed.

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus and His disciples went to a wedding feast at (Nazareth – Cana).
2. Jesus' (disciples – mother) noticed that they ran out of wine at the wedding feast.
3. Jesus told (the servants – His disciples) to fill six jars with water.
4. When (His mother – the master of the feast) tasted the water, it had become wine.
5. The (Lord's disciples – wedding guests) saw this miracle and they believed that He was the Messiah.

The Kingdom as a Revelation

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 4

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Memory Verse: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Lesson Truth: Jesus said we must be born again. Our new birth must be by the Spirit. In this way we can enter the Kingdom of God.

Lesson

Jesus talked to Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews. Jesus said that people must be born again. They must be born of the Spirit. Only those who are born again can see God’s Kingdom. The only way to know about this new birth is by faith. Jesus told Nicodemus that God’s Kingdom comes from His love.

The Lord Jesus was in Jerusalem. One night a man came to see Him. This man was Nicodemus a ruler of the Jews. He heard the things that Jesus said. Nicodemus saw the miracles that Jesus did. He believed that Jesus was a teacher who came from God. Still Nicodemus did not believe that Jesus was the Redeemer. Jesus knew that Nicodemus had to be changed. He had to have a new heart. A new heart would help him understand that Jesus was the Redeemer.

Jesus said something to Nicodemus that surprised him. Jesus said that Nicodemus had to be born again. He told him that he could never see the Kingdom of God unless he was born again. Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus was saying. He asked the Lord how he could be born from his mother a second time. Then Jesus told him that He was talking about a different birth. The birth that Jesus was talking about was a birth by God’s Spirit. People reborn by God’s Spirit could enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Nicodemus still did not understand. He did not understand because he did not have faith. Jesus said that this new birth was like the wind. People hear the wind, but they do not know where it comes from. And they do not know where the wind is going. But they know it is there. Only faith would help Nicodemus understand the new birth. Jesus knew these things because He came down from heaven.

People had to look at Jesus in faith because He came down from heaven. The Lord Jesus said it was like the serpent that Moses hung in the wilderness. Only the people who looked at the serpent were saved. Like the serpent, Jesus would be hung for the people to see. He would be hung on a cross. Only those who look to the crucified Jesus would be saved. In this way Jesus told about the new birth. In this the way He showed His grace.

Jesus also told Nicodemus where God's Kingdom came from. It comes from God's love. His Word also tells us where God's Kingdom comes from. Jesus said: "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" (John 3:16). Isn't that a wonder of God's grace? He did not send His Son to condemn the world. He sent Him to save the world. Are you born again by the Spirit? You are if you believe that Jesus is the Redeemer! Then you are part of God's Kingdom!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Nicodemus came to see (John the Baptist – Jesus) one night.
2. Jesus knew that (Moses – Nicodemus) had to have a new heart.
3. Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to (be born again – work harder to be saved).

4. Nicodemus did not understand Jesus because he did not have (enough knowledge – faith).

5. Jesus said that whoever believe in (Jesus – the world) will be saved.

The Bridegroom

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 5

Scripture: John 3:22-36

Memory Verse: “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

Lesson Truth: Jesus is the Bridegroom. God’s people are the bride. John the Baptist was the friend of the Bridegroom. He introduced the Bridegroom to the bride.

Lesson

John used a beautiful word picture to tell about Jesus. He said that Jesus was the Bridegroom. God’s people are the bride. John was the Bridegroom’s friend. He was the friend who introduced the Bridegroom to the bride. John used this word picture to teach his disciples. They had to learn that the people had to follow Jesus. They had to believe that Jesus came from heaven.

Jesus and his disciples left Jerusalem. They went to the land of Judea. This was the place where John was baptizing people. Jesus and His disciples began to baptize people at that same place. Do you know what happened? Many of the people left John and went to Jesus to be baptized. This made John’s disciples upset. They thought it was bad that the people left John and went to Jesus.

Do you know what John’s disciples did? They went to John to complain. They told him that the people were going to Jesus to be baptized. Sadly, John’s disciples did not know the truth. They did not know that the people were supposed to go to Jesus. So John told his disciples the truth. He told them that he was not the Christ. He said that he was sent ahead to announce the Christ. That is why he was happy that the people went to Jesus.

John said that Jesus was like a Bridegroom. The people of God are His bride. The people rejoice when the Bridegroom comes. John rejoiced to see Jesus

come. He was the friend who introduced the Bridegroom to His bride. John wanted his disciples to rejoice with him. They should not complain that the people went to Jesus. They should rejoice that the people saw the Bridegroom.

John told his disciples that Jesus came from heaven. Because He was from heaven, He was above everyone. Jesus is even above the prophets. Jesus told the people that He was the Redeemer. John knew that Jesus was the Redeemer. He wanted his disciples to know Jesus as the Redeemer.

This was the way John taught his disciples. He did not feel bad that the people followed Jesus. But he did feel bad that many people did not believe Jesus. He told them that Jesus spoke God's words. He spoke God's words because He had God's Spirit. Then John encouraged the people and warned them.

Do you know how He encouraged them? He said that all who believe in God's Son have everlasting life! Do you know how he warned them? He said that all who do not believe God's Son would not see life. God's wrath would stay on them. You and I must pray for God's grace. His grace helps us believe in God's Son. And those who believe in God's Son have everlasting life!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. In John's word picture (Jesus – John) was the Bridegroom.
2. John's disciples were (happy – upset) that the people went to Jesus to be baptized.
3. John (was upset – rejoiced) to see the Bridegroom come.

4. John wanted his disciples to (complain – rejoice) that the people went to Jesus to be baptized.

5. John said that all who (do not believe – believe) in God's Son have everlasting life.

The Gift of God

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 6

Scripture: John 4:1-42

Memory Verse: “Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’” (John 4:34)

Lesson Truth: Jesus is the Gift of God. He is God’s Gift to all nations.

Lesson

Jesus talked to a Samaritan woman. She came to Jacob’s well where Jesus was resting. Jesus told her that He was the Gift of God. He also said that He could give her living water. This woman said that she knew the Messiah would come. Jesus then told her that He was the Messiah. He told His disciples that the fields of souls were ready for harvest. There was a small harvest of Samaritans who believed in Jesus.

The Pharisees were upset because many people followed Jesus. The Lord did not want trouble with the Pharisees at this time. So, He decided to leave Judea. He would go back to Galilee. To get to Galilee Jesus decided to go through Samaria. Most of the Jews went around Samaria. They went around because they did not like Samaritans. The Samaritans were mixed people. They were part Jew and part Gentile. But Jesus knew that there were believers in Samaria. He would bring His message of grace to the Samaritans.

Jesus and His disciples traveled through Samaria. At last, they came to Jacob’s well outside a city. Jesus was tired so He sat down to rest. In the meantime His disciples went to buy food. About noontime a woman came to the well. She was going to get water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink. This surprised the woman. It surprised her because Jews did not talk to Samaritans. And Jesus was a Jew.

Then Jesus surprised her even more. He talked to her about the Gift of God. The woman thought the water from the well was God's gift. But Jesus said she still didn't know the Gift of God. Otherwise, she would ask for a drink. Then He would give her a drink of living water. The woman did not understand. So, she said that Jesus did not have rope and bucket to draw water. Jesus then told her about His living water. People that drank water from the well would get thirsty again. But those who drank living water would never be thirsty again. Now the woman asked Jesus to give her living water.

She still did not understand. So, Jesus decided to point out her sins and His grace. To do that, He asked her to get her husband. She told Jesus that she did not have a husband. Jesus said to her that she told the truth. He told her that she had five husbands in the past. But the man with whom she was living was not her husband. Now the woman started talking about something else. She asked Jesus where they should worship. Should it be at Jerusalem or at Mount Gerizim? Then Jesus showed her His grace again. He told her God could be worshipped everywhere, because God is a Spirit. People must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming" (John 4:25). This was a beautiful confession. So, Jesus told her that He was the Messiah. The woman then went to the city to tell the people. She was sure that she had found the Redeemer.

The disciples came back with food. They saw Jesus talking to the woman. So, Jesus told them that the harvest for souls was ready. Many of the Samaritans came to see Jesus. They heard Jesus' words and believed in Him. This was a small harvest of Samaritan souls. Do you know what the Samaritans said? They said, "We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world" (John 4:42). Christ is the Gift of God!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. The Pharisees were (happy – upset) because many people followed Jesus.

2. Jesus decided to go through (Gilead – Samaria) to get to Galilee.
3. Jesus asked a (Samaritan – Jewish) woman for a drink at Jacob’s well.
4. Jesus told the (Pharisees – Samaritan woman) that He was the Messiah.
5. Jesus told the (disciples – Pharisees) that the harvest of souls was ready.

The Opening Up of Galilee

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 7

Scripture: John 4:43-54

Memory Verse: “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”
(John 11:26a)

Lesson Truth: Jesus showed His grace to a nobleman from Capernaum. In this way He opened up Galilee to the gospel.

Lesson

Jesus lived in Galilee when He was a boy. But sadly, the people in Galilee did not believe that He was the Redeemer. Their hearts were closed to this truth. The lesson today tells us that Jesus went back to Galilee. This time He opened the hearts of a family in Galilee. A nobleman and his family became believers. This was the way that Jesus opened up Galilee to the gospel.

The Lord Jesus spent two days at Sychar. He talked to the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. This woman believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. She told other people in Sychar about Jesus. Then they also believed the Jesus was the Christ. Now Jesus left Sychar. He went back to Galilee. Sadly, the people of Galilee did not believe that Jesus was the Redeemer. Their hearts were closed. How would Jesus open up the hearts of the people from Galilee?

Do you know what Jesus did? He went back to Cana. This was the town where He changed water into wine. A nobleman from Capernaum heard that Jesus was at Cana. This nobleman hurried to find Jesus. His son was very sick. So, he asked Jesus to come and heal his son.

Jesus knew that the nobleman believed that He could do miracles. But did he believe that Jesus was the Redeemer? How would Jesus find out what he believed? He said to the nobleman, “Unless you people see signs and

wonders you will by no means believe” (John 4:48). This was the way that Jesus touched his heart with His grace.

The nobleman then asked Jesus again. “Sir, come down before my child dies!” (John 4:49). Now Jesus decided to test his faith. He said to the nobleman, “Go your way; your son lives” (John 4:50). Would the nobleman believe even if he couldn’t see his son? Thankfully God’s grace worked in his heart. He did believe Jesus and went on his way.

It was the next day before the nobleman arrived home. His servants met him on the way. They had very good news for their master. They told him that his son was alive and well. Then the nobleman asked them when he got better. They told him it was yesterday about the seventh hour. Now the nobleman knew that Jesus was the Christ. He knew it because that was the exact hour that Jesus said to him, “Your son lives” (John 4:53).

It was wonderful that the nobleman’s son was made well. But it was even more wonderful that God’s grace worked in his heart. Because of God’s grace the nobleman believed that Jesus was the Redeemer. God’s grace also worked in the hearts of his family. The nobleman’s entire household believed. They believed that Jesus was the Christ. Through the nobleman and his family Jesus opened up Galilee to the gospel. God’s grace can also open our hearts to the gospel. Pray that God gives us the faith to believe that Jesus is our Redeemer!

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus spent (two days – two months) at Sychar.
2. A (Pharisee – nobleman) from Capernaum hurried to find Jesus.
3. The (disciples – nobleman) asked Jesus to heal his son.

4. The (disciples – servants) came out to meet the nobleman and told him that his son was better.

5. Because of God's grace the (nobleman – Pharisees) believed that Jesus was the Redeemer.

The Everflowing Spring

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 8

Scripture: John 5:1-18

Memory Verse: “He answered them, ‘He who made me well said to me. Take up your bed and walk.’” (John 5:11)

Lesson Truth: Jesus saw a man at Bethesda. This man had been unable to walk for thirty-eight years. The Lord showed him the ever-flowing spring of God’s grace.

Lesson

A spring is where clear fresh water flows. An ever-flowing spring is a spring that never stops flowing. God’s grace is that kind of spring. God’s grace never stops flowing to His people. Jesus showed this grace to a man at the pool of Bethesda. He made this man well. The ever-flowing spring of God’s grace made it possible for this man to walk. Jesus showed His grace and the grace of His Father on the Sabbath Day.

Jesus came to Jerusalem for a feast. At that time, He went to the pool of Bethesda. The pool of Bethesda was by the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem. It was a very special pool. It was special because people could be healed in this pool. They were healed when the water was stirred. Jesus saw a man by the pool of Bethesda. This man could not walk. For thirty-eight years he could not walk. Now Jesus asked this man a wonderful question. He asked, “Do you want to be made well?” (John 5:6)

The man thought that Jesus was talking about getting into the pool. He did not understand that Jesus was talking about God’s grace. The ever-flowing spring of God’s grace could make him well. The man said to Jesus that he wasn’t able to get to the pool on time. Each time the waters were stirred someone beat him into the pool. Then Jesus showed him how God’s grace could heal him. He said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk” (John 5:8).

Do you know what happened? The man was able to get up and walk! He took his bedroll and walked through Jerusalem. This happened on the Sabbath Day.

This made the Jewish leaders upset. They were upset that the man carried his bedroll on the Sabbath Day. They thought that he broke the Sabbath rules. They told him that it was unlawful to carry his bed on the Sabbath. But the man answered that the One who made him well said he should. He told him to take up his bed and walk. The leaders asked him who healed him. He said that he did not know who healed him.

Later, Jesus saw the man in the temple. He talked to him about his healing. Then Jesus told him not to sin anymore. He said if he sinned something worse would happen to him. Then the man told the Jewish leaders that Jesus healed him. This made the Jewish leaders angry with Jesus. They thought that Jesus should be put to death. Jesus told them that He healed on the Sabbath Day. He did this because His Father healed on the Sabbath Day. God always shows the ever-flowing spring of His grace. He does this on the Sabbath Day as well as any day.

Now the Jewish leaders really wanted to kill Jesus. They said He broke the Sabbath rules. They also said He made Himself the same as God. The Jewish leaders were very sinful. They rejected the word of the Lord Jesus. Their hearts were closed because of their sins. You and I must pray for God's grace in our hearts. His ever-flowing spring of grace will give us life. It will give us life in Jesus. Do you know Jesus as your Redeemer?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. Jesus went to the pool of (Siloam – Bethesda) when He came to Jerusalem for a feast.
2. The man at the pool of Bethesda could not walk for (forty – thirty-eight) years.

3. The (ever-flowing grace of God – water in the pool of Bethesda) could make the man well on this very day.

4. The (man at the pool of Bethesda -Jewish leaders) became upset because Jesus healed on the Sabbath Day.

5. The (Jewish leaders – man at the pool of Bethesda) rejected the word of the Lord.

The Bread of Life

Reference: De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 4, Lesson 9

Scripture: John 6

Memory Verse: “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:48)

Lesson Truth: Jesus urged the people not to work for bread that fades away. Rather, they should work for bread that is everlasting. He said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35).

Lesson

Jesus performed a miracle. He fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two small fish. The people then thought about bread. Jesus called Himself the bread of life. He then talked about His body like it was bread. He said that believers must eat His flesh. They must also drink His blood. Jesus used this way to say that believers must believe in him. They must believe that He died on the cross. His body was broken, and His blood was shed for believers. Sadly, some people did not believe in Jesus. Believers said that He was the Christ, the Son of God.

Do you know what happened? Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. But the people followed Him. They walked around the Sea. It was evening when they found Jesus. All day the people had nothing to eat. Jesus saw the crowd of people. He asked Philip where they could buy bread to feed the people. Philip did not think about a miracle. He did not think that Jesus would show His power of grace. Philip said their money could only buy a little food. Andrew also looked for food. He found a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish. He told Jesus that would not be enough for so many.

Jesus told the crowd to sit on the grass. There were about five thousand people. He took the boy’s five loaves and two fish. Jesus gave thanks for what would happen. Then He told the disciples to pass out the bread and

fish. Do you know what happened? They all ate as much as they wanted. And the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. It was a miracle. Jesus showed the power of grace.

The next day the people found Jesus again. Jesus said that He knew why they wanted to be with Him. They remembered the bread and the fish. They wanted more food. Jesus then told them not to work for food that doesn't last. He said that they should work for food that is everlasting. He wanted them to think of spiritual food. Jesus told them about bread from heaven. The people asked Jesus for this bread from heaven. Then Jesus told them something amazing. He said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). That was the way Jesus said the people should take Him inside of them just like food. He said, "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life" (John 6:54). Isn't that an interesting way to tell us to believe in Jesus?

Many of Jesus' followers did not understand. They did not understand that He was the bread of life. They did not understand that He came down from heaven. Jesus told them they could only understand if God gave them His Spirit. Jesus was talking about spiritual things so the Spirit would help them understand. Then some of the people didn't follow Jesus anymore. So, Jesus asked His twelve disciples if they also wanted to go away. Peter answered for all of them. He said, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Then he added: "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The disciples believed that Jesus was the Christ. They believed that He was the Son of God. They all believed except Judas Iscariot. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ? Do You believe that He is the bread of life?

Questions

Choose the correct answer.

1. A crowd of people that had not eaten all day found (Jesus – John) on the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

2. It was (Philip – Andrew) who told Jesus about the boy that had five barley loaves and two fish.

3. Jesus fed (one – five) thousand people with the five barley loaves and two small fish.

4. Jesus said he was the (bread – candy) of life.

5. Jesus said that the people could only understand if God gave them His (flesh – Spirit).