

SESSION 9 FAMILY GUIDE

DOES THE BIBLE TELL ME ALL I NEED TO KNOW?

The Bible tells us that Jesus supplies our every need. All of Scripture points to Jesus as the all-satisfying and essential need of every person. Not only is He our Savior and King, but He also provides us with everything we need to live a godly life this side of eternity. In Jesus, we find the hope, wisdom, and grace to traverse every part of life. While we often strive to “be good” and sometimes believe we need to earn favor with God, the Bible shows us that a perfect life is impossible. We all struggle with idols of the heart, and we all will fail to live up to God’s standard of holiness. However, in Jesus it is possible to not only find eternal life, but also be given the grace to live a godly life for His glory.

Key Verse: *2 Peter 1:3*

Key Passage: *Matthew 19:16-26*

STUDY

Are we good enough?

- At times we can all struggle with wanting to earn favor. Even the rich young ruler wanted to know how he could earn eternal life and favor with God. In fact, many believe that salvation is earned by how good we are or how we’re not as bad as others. Yet Jesus plainly tells the rich young ruler that no one but God is good. No one can keep all of the commandments because only God is perfectly holy..

How does the Law reveal our shortcomings?

- The rich young ruler believed he had kept the law. However, a task given by Jesus quickly reveals that this young ruler had an idol of the heart—his wealth. It may be easy to judge this man, but how often do we fail to love God more than other things? The Bible helps us recognize our shortcomings and reveals our own idols. We also see that these idols will never satisfy our hearts. Only Jesus can do that!

Who then can be saved?

- Jesus’ disciples understood that, according to God’s standards, it would be impossible for anyone to be saved. However, Jesus brings good news! While it would be impossible for us to earn salvation, all things are possible with God. Jesus does what we cannot do. Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. Jesus’ death and resurrection made it possible for us to be counted as righteous and have a relationship with God when we trust in Him. The impossible becomes possible through Jesus! Jesus also helps us to live a godly life now by His grace.

DISCUSS

- What are ways you struggle to earn God’s favor?
- How does Jesus help me when I fail to live up to God’s standards?
- How does God’s grace help me live a godly life now? What if the Bible doesn’t address a specific situation where I may struggle?

PRAY

Ask your preteen to join you in a time of prayer. Thank God for His free gift of salvation that cannot be earned. Ask the Lord to move in your preteen’s heart to flee from worldly standards and run to the grace of Jesus. Allow your preteen to share any prayer requests, especially in regards to how they may need Jesus’ grace in specific struggles.

FAMILY QUESTION BOX

God’s Word tells us that Jesus will supply all of our needs. In today’s culture, we sometimes come across situations that are difficult to navigate or leave us asking questions. Create a question box that you place in your home where your preteen can drop in questions she may have regarding faith and everyday living. Determine a time for you all to sit down and answer the questions together using God’s Word.