

Youth Sunday School – Jesus and Peace – 10/4/20

- Fighter verse
- Prayer
- Briefly discuss New City Catechism and associated verse
 - Question 7: What does the law of God require? Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done. (Matthew 22:37-40)
 - Question 8: What is the law of God stated in the ten commandments? You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.
- Review Memory Verse List – Discuss one of them

Review

- What is peace?
- How does God the Father demonstrate peace?

Jesus – The Prince of Peace

1. Jesus was a man of peace.

- Isaiah 9:6-7 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end”
- Malachi 2:6 “True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity.”
 - Who are these 2 verses talking about?
 - These 2 verses are prophecy which means they foretold about Jesus before He came. What do these verses say about Jesus?
- Discuss what it means for Jesus to be a man of perfect peace, how he was never anxious, confused, hateful or afraid. Can you imagine never feeling these ways? What are some examples from our lives of when we feel these ways?
 - Jesus never felt these ways. He was a man of perfect peace. Isaiah 26:3 “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”
 - According to this verse, why was Jesus in perfect peace?

2. Jesus died so that we would have peace with God if we believe in him.

- Isaiah 53:5 “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”
 - This is another prophecy. Who is this talking about?
 - What does this say would happen to Jesus and why would this have to happen?

- When was Jesus pierced/crushed/chastised/wounded for our sin?
- Romans 5:1,9,10 “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...we [are] saved by him from the wrath of God...while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son”
 - Peace is primarily freedom from God’s wrath. Why do we deserve God’s wrath upon us?
- What is the punishment that we deserve?
- Why will we not be punished if we have faith in Jesus?
- What do we have to believe about Jesus to be saved?

3. Jesus loves us so much that he wants us to have peace.

- John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
- John 16:33 “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”
 - Jesus is talking in these verses. What does Jesus want for us?
- Jesus gives us true peace. The world can only offer us temporary or fake peace. Jesus is actually able to give us peace because he has “overcome the world”. How did Jesus overcome the world?
- How much does Jesus rule over?
- What do we have to be afraid of if Jesus rules over the whole world?
 - Psalm 56:11 “in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

For Next Time: Do the Bible Study sheet on Isaiah 9:2-7.

- Prayer Requests – Think about things in your life that you are anxious or fearful of. Pray that God would help you to trust in Him and be at peace. Thank him for giving you peace because of Jesus’ sacrifice.

Peace Memory Verses (pick at least 1)

- Romans 12:18 “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
- Romans 5:1 “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Philippians 4:6-7 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- Colossians 3:15 “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.”
- Psalm 34:14 “Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”
- Matthew 5:9 ““Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”
- Hebrews 12:14 “Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Study Guide

Review

- What is peace? (Definition: Peace is freedom from God's wrath and freedom from turmoil within ourselves and with others.)
- How does God the Father demonstrate peace? (the world he created had perfect peace, he took the initiative in making peace by sending Jesus to take God's wrath in our place, he is going to make perfect peace in heaven forever, he works in our hearts through the Holy Spirit/Bible/Prayer so that we experience more peace in our lives)

1. Who are these 2 verses talking about? (Jesus)

- These 2 verses are prophecy which means they foretold about Jesus before He came. What do these verses say about Jesus? (he is the prince of peace [so we could say he champions peace or that peace characterizes him like it did God the Father], he will bring more and more peace forever as he rules over everything, Jesus walked in peace and uprightness, he had no wrong on his lips but only true instruction and turned many away from iniquity, SUMMARY=Jesus is a man of peace)
- According to this verse, why was Jesus in perfect peace? (because his mind was fixed on God and trusting in Him)

2. - This is another prophecy. Who is this talking about? (Jesus)

- What does this say would happen to Jesus and why would this have to happen? (Jesus was pierced/crushed/chastised/wounded because of OUR transgressions/iniquities [sins] SO THAT WE would have peace and healing)
- When was Jesus pierced/crushed/chastised/wounded for our sin? (on the cross)
- Peace is primarily freedom from God's wrath. Why do we deserve God's wrath upon us? (because of our sin which separates us from him, our sin makes us guilty so we deserve punishment, we were God's enemies [v. 10] > at war with God [opposite of peace])
- What is the punishment that we deserve? (eternal punishment away from God in the lake of fire [hell])
- Why will we not be punished if we have faith in Jesus? (because Jesus took God's wrath upon himself in our place on the cross)
- What do we have to believe about Jesus to be saved? (that he was the Son of God who lived the perfect life we couldn't live and suffered on our behalf the punishment we deserved because of our sin)

3. - Jesus is talking in these verses. What does Jesus want for us? (peace, to have hearts not troubled, to not be afraid, to be able to withstand tribulation, to take heart, to trust in Him having overcome the world so that we have nothing to fear)

- Jesus gives us true peace. The world can only offer us temporary or fake peace. Jesus is actually able to give us peace because he has "overcome the world". How did Jesus overcome the world? (by living perfectly and conquering death by being raised from the dead)
- How much does Jesus rule over? (everything)
- What do we have to be afraid of if Jesus rules over the whole world? (nothing, if we are his children, those who don't believe in Jesus should be afraid of the wrath of God that will come upon them)