

Youth Sunday School – The Gentleness of Christ – 1/31/21

- Fighter verse
- Prayer
- Briefly discuss New City Catechism and associated verse
 - Question 29: How can we be saved? Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ? Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel. (Galatians 2:20)
- Review Memory Verse List

Review - Gentleness is to treat others with a genuinely sensitive regard for their thoughts, feelings, and rights.

- Any questions?

Gentleness of Christ

Each of these passages has Jesus' gentleness in view. Discuss in each of these passages:

- How does Jesus demonstrate gentleness?
- Who is Jesus being gentle towards?
- How are we like those people?
- What can we expect Jesus to be like towards us?
- How do you think people treated in this way would then have responded to Jesus' message?

1. Matthew 12:17-21 "And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah [Isaiah 42:1-3]: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

2. Matthew 19:13-15 "Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away."

3. John 20:24-28 "Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

4. Matthew 9:10-13 "And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said,

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.””

5. Open Bible to read John 4:1-26, 39-42.

- What astonishes you about Jesus’ gentleness?
- Why is Christ’s gentleness so important?
- How can Christ’s gentleness impact our lives?

- Prayer Requests

For Next Time: - Do Bible Study of Matthew 11:28-30.

- Read Chapter 15 of Practice of Godliness, “Gentleness”.

- Keep memorizing the gentleness memory verses.

Gentleness Memory Verses

- Proverbs 15:4 “A gentle tongue is a tree of life”
- Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
- Girls: 1 Peter 3:3-4 “[Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear]— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.”
- Guys: 2 Timothy 2:24-25 “And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.”
- Bonus: 1 Peter 3:15 “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”