

PETT – Parent Sessions:

Lesson 5 – “Jesus Christ Redeemed Us”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. Discuss – How can we make our knowledge of Christ and his work more real and applicable in our family’s life?

Key Points to communicate:

Teaching suggestion: Discuss: “Humiliation.” What does it entail?

1. Humbled himself
 - a. Conceived by the Holy Spirit
 - b. Born of the virgin Mary
 - c. Suffered under Pontius Pilate
 - d. Crucified
 - e. Died
 - f. Buried
2. From what did Jesus redeem us?
 - a. Captive to sin – born in sin; condemned as a result
 - b. A death sentence – wages of sin is death – eternal & physical
 - c. The power of Satan – his control and accusations
3. The results of Christ’s redemption
 - a. Freedom from sin, death and the devil
 - b. Freedom for a life of service and eternal life in heaven with Jesus
 - c. Mine by faith...rejected by unbelief

Key Passages:

- **VIP: 1 Peter 1:18-19 “You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed, ...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**
- Philippians 2:5-8 – possibly an early “creed” of the early church.
- 1 John 3:8 “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Discussion:

- We often speak of Jesus “saving us from our sins.” Discuss, “What has Jesus saved us for?” What purposed did he go through all that effort.

Resources:

- Mueller, Wayne, Justification. People’s Bible Teaching Series. Northwestern Publishing House

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Lesson 6 – “Jesus Christ Was Exalted for Me”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. A/D – The resurrection of Jesus doesn’t get enough attention in our Christian lives.
2. Discuss – What relevance do each of the stages of Christ’s exaltation have for me and my family?

Key Points to communicate:

1. The steps of Christ’s exaltation
2. The purpose of Christ’s exaltation
 - a. Descent into hell
 - i. NOT suffering, but proclamation of victory
 - b. Resurrection from the dead
 - i. Jesus is God and what he says is true
 - ii. We are completely redeemed and justified
 - iii. We too will rise
 - iv. CRUX of Christian faith
 - c. Ascent into heaven
 - i. He’s preparing a place for me
 - ii. He will come back
 - d. Sitting at God’s right hand
 - i. Position of power and authority
 - ii. Serving as prophet, priest and king (see answer book for “how?”)
 - e. Jesus will come again
 - i. To Judge – public proclamation for what was private
 - ii. Be ready – not “if” but “when”

Key Passages:

- **VIP Romans 1:4 He was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- **VIP 1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**
- Matthew 24:36 No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
- John 11:25-26 (NIV) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Resources:

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Lesson 7 – “The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. In your own words describe the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
2. What makes it challenging to articulate this person of God’s work?

Key Points to communicate:

1. Why I can’t believe in Jesus on my own.
 - a. Dead in sin
 - b. Enemy of God
2. How do I come to faith?
 - a. Working of the Holy Spirit
 - b. Through the Means of Grace – See diagram on top of page 31
3. How does the Holy Spirit equip me to serve Jesus?
 - a. Grow in God’s knowledge and grace
 - b. Produces good works to love God and love people
4. Sanctification: Set apart
 - a. Set apart FROM the unbelieving world
 - b. FOR a new life of serving God
5. Means of Grace
 - a. The Gospel in Word and Sacrament

Key Passages:

- **VIP 1 Corinthians 12:3** No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
- Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Discussion:

1. If Jesus died for all, why are not all saved? Is this fair?
2. What is the big deal between the phrases, “I decided for Christ” vs. “I believe in Christ”?
3. What’s the big deal if I come to church or teen class? I can be a Christian without that.

Resources:

People’s Bible Teaching: “Holy Spirit”

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Lesson 8 – “The Holy Christian Church”

Discussion questions for parents:

1. Discuss your understanding of the “Holy Christian Church” and a visible congregation.
2. What is your understanding of the principles of “church fellowship” and the practice of the same?

Key Points to communicate:

1. What is the Holy Christian Church?
 - a. Holy – Perfect by the new birth given by the Holy Spirit
 - b. Christian – Built on the cornerstone of Christ
 - c. Church – Called out – people called out of darkness to God’s light
2. What is a Christian Congregation?
 - a. Visible gathering of believers around the Means of Grace
 - b. Discuss the reasons why it’s important to be part of a Christian congregation.
 - c. Hypocrites can be part of the visible Christian congregation
3. How do I determine what congregation to be part of?
 - a. Conviction ALL the teachings of the Bible are important to agree on
 - b. Evangelical (Gospel-centered) & Orthodox (Correct teaching)
 - c. Separate from those that oppose the Gospel.

Key Passages:

- **VIP 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**
- Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Romans 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.
- 1 Peter 2:4-5 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Discussion:

1. Discuss: As long as you believe in Jesus, it doesn’t matter where you choose to worship.
2. Discuss: Why is every teaching important to our salvation? Can’t we fudge on a few?
3. Discuss: What makes practicing fellowship principles difficult?

Resources:

People’s Bible Teaching: “Church Fellowship”