

5. Born Again

FOLLOWING JESUS TRAINING SERIES

Introduction

The ultimate reason why we should follow Jesus is because of what He offers us. And it's not just a ticket to heaven. It's a whole new life that God makes available for you and me. And we have an opportunity to have a fresh start with Jesus. This is wonderful news! Pause for a moment now and ask the Lord to show you how to experience this today.

Question: Have you ever made a mistake before? What impact did that mistake have on your life?

1. A Fresh Start

Let's first consider why salvation is so important for our world:

a. Read Rom 3:23. How many people are involved with the problem of sin? And how does that affect our relationship with God?

b. Read Is 59:2. What effect does sin have on our lives?

c. Read Gen 3:21. Where did sin first start working in Eve?

When sin entered the heart of Adam and Eve, it started an infection which still carries on today. We're all involved with sin, and we can't get out of it.

2. The Gift

God's response to the sin problem of is amazing! Let's see why:

a. Read Rom 6:23. How do wages compare with a gift? What is God's gift to you?

b. Read Eph 2:8-10. What role do we play in God's gift of salvation?

c. Read Mic 7:19. How does God deal with our sins when forgiven?

Salvation from God is truly amazing because it's complete, and yet it's free of charge. This is the way Jesus wants us to experience His love.

3. A Second Chance

Jesus didn't invite them to simply see what He looks like, but to see His heart. Consider what the disciples saw in Jesus' early ministry:

a. Read John 3:1-7. What does it mean for someone to be born again?

b. Read John 3:16-17. What are the promises and conditions of being born again?

c. Read Rom 10:9-10. How can someone experience this belief?

Discussion Questions

- Why are all of us involved with the problem of sin?
- What makes God's grace so amazing?
- What are the steps of receiving Jesus into our lives?

Conclusion

Being born again is the most miraculous and yet simple work that God can do in our lives. He promises to change the outcome of our lives, if we invest our faith in Him today. And we can do that by following ABC:

A – Admit you have sinned against God

B – Believe in Jesus' death on your behalf

C – Commit your life into His hands

Challenge

To share these three steps with one person over the next week.