Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 1 – Mark 1-6

Discussion Questions

1. What are the first recorded words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark? What does this tell us about what our message should be?

2. List the events associated with Jesus' ministry on of the "busy day" of Mark 1:21-34.

What did Jesus do first thing the next day?

Are busyness or fatigue legitimate reasons for skipping our commitment to meet with God?

3. What is Jesus' point in the illustrations of the patch of unshrunk cloth and the new wine (Mark 2:21-22)? (Hint: consider the context)

4. Though Jesus knew that healing the man on the Sabbath would anger the Pharisees, he did it anyway (Mark 3:1-6). List His reasons.

5. According to Jesus, what is the sin that will never be forgiven (Mark 3:29)? Describe the sin, carefully looking at the context.

6. List the lessons for us in the calming of the wind and the sea (Mark 4:35-41). What other miracles related to the sea are recorded in Mark 6? Why might Jesus have chosen to do these marine related miracles?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Andrew, Beelzebul, Gerasenes, Jairus, James, John the Apostle, John the Baptist, King Herod, Herodians, Herodias, Pharisees, scribes, Simon, Zebedee, List of the 12 Apostles Places: Bethsaida, Capernaum, Decapolis, Galilee, Gennesaret, Idumea, Jerusalem, Jordan, Nazareth Things: denarius

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 2 – Mark 7-10

Discussion Questions

1. List three things that Jesus said the Pharisees had done with the Word of God (Mark 7:1-13).

2. What does Jesus mean when He says: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34)?

3. Why do think Jesus didn't want Peter, James, and John to tell others what they had seen on the mount of transfiguration until after His resurrection (Mark 9:9)?

4. How does Jesus describe hell (Mark 9:42-50)?

5. When a man asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life, Jesus pointed him to the Ten Commandments (Mark 10:17-19). Do we get to heaven by Law-keeping? If not, why did Jesus answer that way?

6. What do the first ten chapters of Mark have to say about the true way of salvation?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Bartimaeus Places: Caesarea Philippi Terms: Rabboni Symbolism and Typology: leaven

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 3 – Mark 11-16

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus curse the fig tree (Mark 11:12-14)? Was it an act meant to symbolize something? If so, what?

- 2. Explain the parable of the vineyard (Mark 12:1-12).
- 3. In view of the end-time events described in Mark 13, what does Jesus tell His listeners to do?

4. List the references in the Gospel of Mark that report the following events:

the Last Supper

Jesus prays in Gethsemane

Jesus is arrested

Jesus' trial before the high priest

Peter's denial of Jesus

Jesus' trial before Pilate

Jesus' crucifixion

Jesus' burial

Jesus' resurrection

Things to Know and Remember

People: Caiaphas, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary Magdalene, Pilate, Sadducees Places: Bethany, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane Terms: Hosanna Things: nard

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 4 – Acts 1-12

Discussion Questions

1. Was the phenomenon of tongue speaking that occurred on Pentecost, Acts 2:1-13, a miracle in the speech of the disciples or in the ears of the Jews listening to them?

2. Was it necessary for the Jews who heard Peter's Pentecost sermon to be baptized in order to be saved (Acts 2:38)?

3. What details in the healing of the lame man separate the event from modern work of "faith healers" (Acts 3:1-11)?

4. The seven men selected in Acts 6:1-7 can be considered to be a prototype of the office of deacon in the early church (to serve, Acts 6:2, is from the same Greek root as the word for deacon). What were the qualifications and proposed function of the men selected?

5. Why does Stephen conduct a lengthy review of the nation's history from Abraham to Solomon (Acts 7:2-53)? What was the point or unifying theme of his message?

6. Was Simon the Magician a true believer or a false professor (Acts 8:9-24)? List evidence for and against. Then state your conclusion.

7. What inferences can we draw from the conversion of Cornelius about the function of water baptism (Acts 10:47-48)?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Ananias, Barnabas, Cornelius, Gamaliel, Matthias, Philip, Saphira, Saul, Simon the tanner, Stephen, Tabitha **Places:** Antioch, Caesarea, Damascus, Gaza, Tarsus, Lydda, Joppa

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Class 5 – Acts 13-28

Discussion Questions

1. What principles concerning the commendation of missionaries are demonstrated in Acts 13:1-4?

2. What is the unifying theme of Paul's sermon in Acts 13:16-41?

3. What was the process by which the controversy of Acts 15:1-29 was settled?

4. Some have criticized Paul for the philosophical approach that he used before the Areopagus (Acts 17:22-31). Was it justified or a vain strategy that Paul later abandoned?

5. What do we learn about the role of elders from Acts 20:17-38?

6. Was Paul obedient or disobedient to the Spirit's direction in going or not going to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22-23; 21:4; 21:10-14)? Explain.

7. What do you learn about the character and personality of Paul in Acts 27-28?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Agabus, Agrippa, Apollos, Aquila, Bar-Jesus, Crispus, Felix, Festus, James, Lydia, Philippian jailer, Priscilla, Silas, Timothy

Places: Achaia, Antioch, Asia, Athens, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Caesarea, Cilicia, Corinth, Crete, Cyprus, Ephesus, Galatia, Lycia, Macedonia, Malta, Palestine, Pamphylia, Philippi, Phoenicia, Pontus, Phrygia, Syria, Thessalonica, Thrace

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 6 – Romans 1 - 8

Discussion Questions

1. The theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is found in Romans 1:16-17. Restate it in your own words.

2. Paul shows in Romans 1:18-3:18 that all the world is "accountable to God" (Romans 3:19). Of what specific sins does he indict the following groups.

A. the heathen 1:18-32

B. the moralist 2:1-16

C. the Jew 2:17-3:18

3. Summarize the way of salvation as taught in Romans 3:19-31, stating what it is and what it is not.

4. Sanctification is the process by which the born-again believer becomes more like Christ. What is our responsibility in overcoming sin according to Romans 6:1-14?

5. According to Romans 7, why are Christians still tempted to sin?

6. List the ways the Holy Spirit helps us to live holier lives (Romans 8).

Things to Know and Remember

Outline of Romans

- I Introduction 1a
- II Paul's Gospel—Doctrine 1b-11
 - A. Theme 1b
 - B. Condemnation 1c-3a
 - C. Justification 3b-5
 - D. Sanctification 6-8
 - E. Explanation of Israel's Failure 9-11
- III Exhortation to Righteousness—Practice 12-15a
- IV Closing Remarks 15b-16

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 7 – Romans 9-16

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Discussion Questions 1. Romans 9:1-6 raises an issue which Paul then answers in chapters 9 through 11. What is the question that he raises and then answers?

2. In one to three sentences, summarize Paul's answer to the question of Romans 9:1-6.

3. What sin is warned against in Romans 12:3-8?

4. What is our responsibility to the government of our land according to Romans 13:1-7?

5. What is the main point of Romans 14:1-15:13?

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Class 8 - 1 Corinthians 1-10

Discussion Questions

1. Paul uses the first four chapters of his letter to the Corinthians to address the divisions in their midst. It is not always easy, however, to see how each of the arguments in these chapters relates to the problem. List one point from each of the first four chapters and explain what it has to do with division in the local assembly.

2. What does Paul instruct the Corinthians do with the man guilt of incest (1 Corinthians 5:1-13)?

3. What two options does Paul give the person who has been defrauded by another Christian (1 Corinthians 6:1-8)? What option do the Scriptures forbid?

4. What unique aspect of sexual immorality does Paul point out to the Corinthians in explaining to them its evil nature (1 Corinthians 6:9-20)?

5. What instruction does Paul give to a Christian whose marriage is falling apart (1 Corinthians 7:1-7)?

6. Does Paul say that a Christian can or cannot eat meat that has been sacrificed to an idol (1 Corinthians 8-10)?

memorize the following outline of 1 Corinthians

Outline I.

- Introduction 1a
- II. Reproof and Correction 1b-6
 - A. Division 1b-4
 - B. Incest 5
 - C. Lawsuits 6a
 - D. Sexual Immorality 6b
- III. Clarification 7-15
 - A. Celibacy and Marriage 7
 - B. Food Sacrificed to Idols 8-10
 - C. Head Coverings 11a
 - D. Lord's Supper 11b
 - E. Spiritual Gifts 12-14
 - F. The Resurrection 15
- IV. Closing Remarks 16

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 9 – 1 Corinthians 11-16

Discussion Questions

1. List three reasons that Paul gives for why women should cover their heads when praying and prophesying and men should uncover theirs (1 Corinthians 11:1-16).

2. Make a list of the spiritual gifts found in 1 Corinthians 12. Circle the one you feel most closely describes your area of gift.

3. Why is 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter, placed in the middle of a section on spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12-14)?

4. What do we learn about the proper use of the gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians 12-14?

5. List three reasons that Paul gives for why we as Christians believe we will be resurrected (1 Corinthians 15).

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 10 – 2 Corinthians

Discussion Questions

1. Had Paul shown himself to be not a man of his word when he failed to visit the Corinthians as he had promised them(2 Corinthians 1-2)?

2. Because of unjust criticism by false teachers, the Corinthians had developed a low opinion of Paul. List three reasons that Paul gives that commend him to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 3:1-7:16).

3. List the principles of giving found in 2 Corinthians 8-9.

4. Describe the character of Paul as revealed in 2 Corinthians 10-13.

Review the following outline of 2 Corinthians

- I. Salutation 1:1-2
- II. Explanation of Failure to Visit 1:3-2:17
- III Our Commendation 3:1-7:16
- IV The Collection for the Judean Church 8:1-9:15
- V Upbuilding by Way of a Personal Defense 10:1-13:12
- VI Valediction 13:13-14

Bible Survey V Synoptic Gospels to Ephesians Class 11 – Galatians

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main point that Paul is making in Galatians 1:13-2:10?

2. Why was Paul so direct in his rebuke of Peter in Galatians 2:11-21?

3. Paraphrase (put in your own words) Galatians 3:10, carefully looking at the context so as to capture the full meaning and force of the verse.

4. The allegory of Galatians 4:21-31 illustrates the error of the seeking to live by the law. Describe in words or sketch in a picture the primary elements of this comparison.

5. List the truths we learn about Spirit-filled living in Galatians 5:16-26.

6. What does Paul mean in Galatians 6:14?

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Class 12 – Ephesians

Discussion Questions

1. List the seven things that Paul says is true of a saved person "in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3-14).

2. What did Paul pray for concerning the Christians in Ephesus (Ephesians 1:15-23)? Is this how you pray for the saints?

3. Define the "new man" of Ephesians 2:15?

4. Define the "mystery of Christ" (Ephesians 3:4)?

5. Ephesians 4:12-16 describes the purpose of Christian ministry. Paraphrase these five verses in your own words.

6. How can Paul tell Christians to "be subject to one another" (Ephesians 5:21) in one breath and then tell "wives [to] be subject to your own husbands" (Ephesians 5:22) in the next?

7. Draw the picture of the prepared Christian in Ephesians 6:10-16, labeling each part.