

Share Jesus Seminar Session Two

- **Review**
 - **God's Job**
 - **John 6:44** *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him*
 - **John 16:8** *he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment*
 - **Our Job**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:20** *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*
 - **Living Out Our Christian Life**
 - **Sharing the Gospel**
 - **Trusting God for the Results**
 - **NOT Winning Souls for Christ**
- **Sharing last weeks assignment**
 - **Turning the conversation to the spiritual.**
 - **Asking the 5 questions during the two-minute drill**
 - **What were the questions again?**
 - **What is the real question we are trying to get to?**
- **Foundational Principle:**
- **Bible Verses**
 - **Romans 10:17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ*
- **God uses scripture to change people's lives, Let the Bible Speak!**
 - **The Holy Spirit does the convincing and the convicting. You are simply Christ's ambassador, delivering the Gospel and watching God at work.**
- **2 Corinthians 4:1-3** ¹*And so, since God in his mercy has given us this wonderful ministry, we never give up.* ²*We reject all shameful and*

underhanded methods. We do not try to trick anyone, and we do not distort the word of God.

- **The Bible Verses:**

- ***Ephesians 2:9*** **The Myth: “I Earn My Own Way”**
- ***Romans 3:23*** **Issue of Sin**
- ***Romans 6:23*** **Penalty of Sin**
- ***Romans 5:8*** **God’s Love for Us**
- ***Galatians 2:21*** **Our Helplessness**
- ***John 14:6*** **Narrowness of the Gospel**
- ***Romans 10:13*** **Our Only Hope**
- ***Romans 10:9*** **Anyone can be saved**
- ***2 Corinthians 5:15*** **Surrender (turn from / turn to)**
- ***Revelation 3:20*** **Choice to accept or reject**
- Most people believe that they earn their way into heaven by being good. They believe at the end of their life, everything they have done, good and bad, will be weighed in a balance. They believe that as long as the balance is tipped in favor of the good over the bad, they will gain admittance into heaven. Unfortunately, that’s not what the Bible teaches.

- **May I show you?**

- I only need remember *Ephesians 2:9*
- I open the Bible to *Ephesians 2:9*, and put it in front of the other person or in their lap.
- I ask him to read it OUT LOUD. (make sure he’s reading the right verse) (power in the spoken word)
- Then I ask “what does it say to you?” (they can’t say, “that’s just your interpretation”)

- They will be doing the speaking, the Holy Spirit will be doing the convicting, and nobody can start an argument about the interpretation.
 - Possible objections:
 - There are many translations of the Bible.
 - *Response:* Did you know they all say the same thing?
 - The Bible has errors in it.
 - *Response:* Could you show me one?
- ***Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done (Ephesians 2:9)***
 - What does that say to you?

There's a good reason salvation is not the reward for our good deeds.

- ***"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).***
 - What does that say to you?
 - If they don't personalize their sin at this point, allow God's law to speak to them.
 - You seem like a good person. Can we see how you stack up?
 - 10 commandments
 - Have you ever lied? (9th Commandment)
 - What does that make you?
 - Have you ever stolen anything? (8th Commandment)
 - What does that make you?
 - Have you ever looked at a woman and lusted for her?
 - The 7th Commandment says you shall not commit adultery. Jesus clarified that by saying "whoever looks at a woman as to lust after her has already committed adultery in his heart."
 - For a woman you can use the 10th commandment.
 - Have you ever wanted something that someone else has?
 - That's called coveting.
 - Then by your own admission, you are a lying, thieving, adulterer at heart, and we've only looked at three of the ten commandments.
- ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23)***

- What does that say to you?
 - Wages: what has been earned
 - Sin: notice it doesn't say "sins"
 - Death: when the bible talks of life and death, it speaks of either eternal life, which is heaven or death which is eternity in hell
 - Based on what we've looked at so far, what have you earned?
- Many people believe that in spite of their sin, God will allow them into heaven. They believe that He is such a kind and loving God that He will overlook their sin. They have created for themselves, a god that they feel comfortable with; a god who is loving and compassionate, but not just and not righteous.
 - When we create God in our own image, that's called idolatry. Idolatry breaks the 2nd commandment.
 - What would you think of a judge who allowed the guilty to go unpunished?
 - "If the guilty go free, the judge stands condemned"
 - If God is good and God is just, how could he possibly allow sin to go unpunished?
 - Certainly God will not stand condemned by going against his own nature!
 - But fortunately, God is loving and compassionate and he doesn't wish to send any of his children to hell.
 - ***But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)***
 - Why did Christ have to die?
 - ***for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing (Galatians 2:21)***
 - If there were any other way to reconcile man's sin, do you think God would have allowed his son to be crucified?

- **"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6).**
 - What does this say to you?

- **"For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved (Romans 10:13)**
 - What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?

- **"if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9).**
 - How do we receive God's gift of eternal life?

- **"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" (2 Corinthians 5:15).**
 - How can we show our appreciation?
 - If they bring up some specific sin they are currently involved in, asking if this means that they need to change, ABSOLUTELY don't wimp out.
 - That is the Holy Spirit convicting them.
 - Ask them "what do you think?"
 - Tell them that they will need to change, but that God provides the strength to do the things that He asks.
 - If they ask about anything else they might need to do (i.e Bible study, give up old friends, etc.), simply state "God will tell you what you need to do."

- **"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20)**
 - How do you interpret this verse?
- God is a "gentleman". He does not force himself upon those who do not want to receive Him. He waits patiently for our invitation. We have the choice as to receive His gift or not.
- We can stand on our own merits, or we can receive the **free** gift that God is offering.

- **Demonstration:**
 - A volunteer to show how it works

- **Preview: The Close**
- The 5 Questions are a recap of the key verses and a final check for understanding of what has just been shared.
 - Next time is the “then what?”

- **Assignment for next week:**
- Pick up a “Sharing Bible” and Mark your New Testament this week
 - Highlight each verse.
 - Mark the page with any notes you need and the next verse address
- Role play the seven verses with a friend or family member.