Lesson # 12 SHARING THE PLAN OF SALVATION

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 *Acts 8:29-31 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."*

 *30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. (NAS)*

A. Philip had an interesting experience, in that, the Holy Spirit enabled him to know specifically who he should talk to.

1. This principle hasn’t changed. As you are **prepared**, you will find that the Holy Spirit will impress upon your heart a great urgency to witness to a certain individual.

2. When this happens, don’t be surprised, because the Holy Spirit is trying to guide us to people whom **Need Christ.**

 B. You will have the opportunity many times during your life to witness and share the message of Jesus Christ.

 1. With whom may you have this opportunity?

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 C. Many people feel they are too **timid.**

 1. God wants us to have an **aggressive** spirit.

 The story goes: There were two men in a fox hole, totally surrounded by the enemy. One looked up to the other and said, “We are totally surrounded by the enemy.” His friend looked back and said, “Yea, let’s not let anyone get away”.

D. How to share the Bridge Illustration

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| **Diagram #1**John, the Bible tells us that God loves man. But there is something that separates man from God |  **Man God** |
| **Diagram #2****God****Man****Rom. 3:23****S****I****N**This verse is *ROM. 3:23*. It says, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”John, that means everyone has sinned. John, can you relate to this, have you ever sinned? (Write out: All have sinned)Well, this is the problem and it has caused a great division between God and man. (Draw in Bottom of cross.) We call this problem sin. (Write in word “Sin”) |   |
| **Diagram #3****Death****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****S****I****N****Man****God**John, in *ROM. 6:23* we read “The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”See John, God is a God of love. He offers to us a gift of eternal life that is found through His son, Jesus Christ. But there is a problem, for the first part of this verse says “the wages of sin is death.” God wants to give us eternal life, but because of our sin, we have earned eternal death. (write out: Sin earns Spiritual death.) |  |
| **Diagram #4****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27****Death****S****I****N****God****Man**John, that leads us to another verse. *Hebrews 9:27* says “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the judgment.”John, do you believe you are going to die? Well, the Bible says once you die, you will face judgment. And if a person doesn’t know God, as you can see, all he has before him is eternal death. (Write out: Judgment follows death.) |  |

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| **Diagram #5****Man****Death****Rom. 3:23** **Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27****Rev 20:14,15****Rom. 5:8****S****I****N****God**John, many of us who are Christians believe that if you are born once you will die twice, but if you are born twice you will die only once. Many non-Christians believe that when we die that is the end. The verse we just read says there will be judgement and some will experience the second death spoken on in *Rev 20:18-19* |  |
| **Diagram #6****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27****Rev 20:14,15****Death****God****Man****Rom. 5:8****S****I****N**John, if it all ended, here we would be in bad shape, wouldn’t we? But I am happy to report it didn’t end here. *ROM. 5:8* says, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Write out: Christ Died.)See John, while we were still sinners, Christ gave us his love and died for us. (At this point, Draw in the cross.) |  |
| **Diagram #7****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27** **Rev 20:14,15****Death****Man****God****Rom. 5:8****Eph. 2:8,9****S****I****N**John, salvation is not something we earn. Listen *to Eph. 2:8-9* “For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.”John, no amount of work can earn salvation. All we need to do is accept it by faith. God wants you to just trust Him with your eternal life. We exercise faith in other things all day (Your seat, Your friends, your pilot, the plane, the restaurant, etc.) John, we are saved through faith. (Write out: Saved Through faith.) |  |

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| **Diagram #8****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27** **Rev 20:14,15****Receive****Death****Believe****Man****God****S****I****N****Rom. 5:8****Eph. 2:8,9****John 1:12**In *John 1:12* we read, “but as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name.”John, you will notice two things God requires. Believe & receive. (Write out Believe & receive.)John, do you believe this is a pen I hold in my hand? Do you really believe it? Now if you really believe it, would you prove in by taking it?Now John what did you do. I offered you this pen and you took it, correct?Do you see John, how this relates to this verse, you believed and because of this, you received it? |  |
| **Diagram #9****Rom. 5:8****Eph. 2:8,9****John 1:12****Rom 10:9,10****Death****Rom. 3:23****Rom. 6:23****Heb. 9:27** **Rev 20:14,15****Receive****Believe****Man****God****S****I****N**John, God built a bridge between He and man through Christ. (Draw Bridge.)John, there are two important things to remember. (write out: Believe and Receive.)John, do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe He is the Son of God? John where are you on this diagram? Are you on the far left without any faith, or are you on the other side, a child of God? Where are you?Note: Most of the time people will put their finger in the middle.John, that’s wonderful. You have already taken the first step in receiving God, you believe. John, would you like to take the next step and receive Him as your Savior? Remember - Believing is not enough, you must receive Him.\* If he/she accepts, you may want to lead him/her in the sinner’s prayer. |  |
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III. The seven Elements of a Sinner’s Prayer

 A. **Confession** I am a sinner

 B. **Contrition** But I am sorry for my Sins

 C. **Repentance** I want to turn from my sins. I am willing to begin a new life with your help.

 D. **Invitation**  Lord Jesus, please come into my heart and life right now.

 E. **Consecration**  From this moment forward I want my life belongs to you and you alone.

 F. **Dependence**  I want to love you, serve you and tell others about you. I will trust you to live your life through me.

 G. **Thanksgiving**  Thank you for coming into my life and forgiving my sins today.

Assignment:

 1. Memorize scripture G on page 141 in your SPIRITUAL NOTEBOOK

 2. Practice the bridge illustration with at least three friends or family members this week

4 Continue having a daily QUIET TIME, record sermon notes prayer and praise list.

Review the bridge

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