

Lesson 6: The Gift

Soul-winning Seminar
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1. Transition to the Good news

A. At this point we have thoroughly explained to the person that they are a sinner and their sin has condemned them to hell

B. Now we can give them the _____ which is the gospel

Note: The word “gospel” means “good tidings” or good news

2. God illustrates salvation as a _____

A. _____ (or Salvation) is a gift

B. The gift is _____; it doesn't cost us anything

C. The gift is not something we earn or _____ for either

3. How this conversation may go:

A. God has a gift he wants to give you

#1. Read the passage:

Romans 6:23: *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Note: Before we focused on the 1st part of this verse (or the bad news)—now we will focus on the 2nd part of this verse (or the good news)

#2. Reveal the truth:

Explanation: God has a “gift” he wants to give you and that “gift” is “eternal life” and it is through “Jesus Christ”

#3. Review the concept:

Question: Can you remember these words “gift,” “eternal life,” and “Jesus Christ”?

B. *You don't have to work for the gift*

#1. Read the passage:

Ephesians 2:8-9: *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

#2. Reveal the truth:

Illustration: The Birthday Gift

Explanation: If I gave you a birthday gift but asked you to pay me for it; is that a gift?—no because you don't pay for a gift. What if I gave you a birthday gift but asked you to do something for it; is that a gift?—no because you don't work for a gift! The gift of God is the exact same way—God does not expect you to “work” or earn it.

Thoughts on the “Birthday Gift” Illustrations:

- (1) Start off with, “what if I asked you to pay me for the gift”—because it is very easy to grasp that you don't pay for a gift*
- (2) Then I transition into, “what if I asked you to do something for it”—this is how we apply the illustration to salvation*
- (3) An illustration is worthless if you don't apply it*
- (4) An additional verse you could use for someone who is really struggling with this concept is Romans 4:5*

#3. Review the concept:

Question: So, if I have to do something for a birthday gift is it a gift?—No (let them answer). So, if God wants to give you a gift (“*the gift of eternal life*”) but you have to go to church, get baptized, repent of your sins, live a good life; is it a gift?—No (let them answer).

Action Step: Highlight Ephesians 2:8-9 in your Bible

Homework: Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9 at home