

HOW TO DO NEXT STEP ONLINE

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Catchup: 5mins

Lesson: 15mins

Questions (Talk About It): 10mins

Prayer: 5mins

PREPARATION

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For the contact - Ask him/her to take a look at the home page of Next Step (www.theedge.org/nextstep) before the session, if possible.

For you - Look through all the lessons on Next Step Online, and familiarise yourself with the content and discussion questions below.

DISCUSSION

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1. What Exactly Just Happened?

- Is it hard to believe someone would take your place to be punished?
 - Most times, we don't like to think about punishment because it reminds us of what we've done wrong.
 - The truth is - all of us have done real wrong.
 - We can't smooth it over, or cover it up!
 - There are real consequences to our sin.
 - Our response should not be to pretend we didn't do anything wrong, but to accept that we need a Saviour!

DISCUSSION

1. What Exactly Just Happened?

- What would believing in Jesus mean for your life now?
 - Are there things that you may need to give up in order to trust in Jesus?
 - We don't need to do anything to receive Christ - that's what grace means!
 - However, the right and logical response when someone does something nice is to be thankful!
 - Thankfulness is the best response we could have to God.

DISCUSSION

2. What Are The Basics?

- What are some ways you can start reading the Word and praying in your daily life?
 - Teach the contact how to use SOAP

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- Scripture
 - Look for one verse
 - Example:

Psalm 1:1-3

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

DISCUSSION

2. What Are The Basics?

- Observation

- Write down what you see happening in the passage

- Example:

People that delight in God's law spend a lot of time reading and pondering on God's word (the Bible). They are compared to trees that are near water and therefore bear fruit.

God's word is a source for me to grow and prosper. Spending time reading and acting on it will bring me delight and bless me in all that I do!

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2. What Are The Basics?

- Application
 - Write down how you can apply your observation in your life!
 - Example:
I will schedule time to read in the Bible in the day and at night.

- Prayer
 - Write down a prayer from your heart that is a response to God's word.
 - Example:
Dear Lord, help me to stay close to your word and to use it as a guide to live my life. Let me delight in your word and understand it. Bless me as I obey you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

DISCUSSION

2. What Are The Basics?

- What are some ways you can start reading the Word and praying in your daily life?
 - Get them started on reading the Book of John
 - Teach them a basic prayer
- What is something God has spoken to you about?
 - Share your personal experience of God speaking
 - Teach the contact that hearing God is not spooky, but just being still and sensing His directing!

DISCUSSION

3. What Can I Expect?

- Is it easy to accept that you have been forgiven?
 - We may find it hard to believe that God could love us unconditionally. Don't let how we feel stop us from believing His promise!
 - After knowing Jesus, what are you most thankful for? Focus on what He has done for us already!
- How does knowing that there is an eternity in heaven ahead change your perspective in life?
 - Our future expectation should change the way we live in the present!
 - We should live in a way that pleases God, because we know we will spend eternity with Him.
 - We can have hope even though we face tough times in life!
 - Check on the contact's progress of reading the Book of John, and encourage them to keep reading!

DISCUSSION

4. How Do I Know For Sure?

- What are some signs that you relate with?
 - Identify the signs that he/she has been truly saved!
 - Different way of thinking compared to before knowing Jesus
 - Old feelings of shame and guilt are gone
 - Freedom from past bad habits
 - Hunger to read the Bible or be with other Christians
 - If he/she has any doubts, pray for him/her to be assured of their salvation.

DISCUSSION

4. How Do I Know For Sure?

- What are some ways you can start living in God's blessings for you?
 - Read God's Word to know His promises.
 - Turning to God and not look back on the old way of dealing with problems.
 - Be confident because of what God says about us.

DISCUSSION

5. What Does It Mean To Be Free?

- What are some causes of bondages you can identify?
 - Help the contact to recognise that some generational sicknesses, bad habits or addictions may be the result of bondages that God wants to set them free from!
 - Share that Jesus died on the cross to set us free from every bondage!
 - If you have a testimony of how God set you free, share it too.
- What may hinder our faith that Christ can set us free?
 - Ask the contact if there are any doubts in them that Jesus can set them free.
 - Emphasise that Jesus has the power to break every chain if we genuinely want Him to set us free!

DISCUSSION

5. What Does It Mean To Be Free?

- At the end of the lesson, share about the Next Step Encounter.
 - One of the opportunities to pray through and ask God to truly heal and set us free from our bondages is the Next Step Encounter!
 - Introduce them to what the Next Step Encounter is:
 - A two-day getaway to focus on Jesus
 - Give our time and attention to seek Him
 - Allow Him to transform our hearts and minds
 - Encourage them to sign up for the next Encounter at theedge.org/encounter

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