

LESSON 5 – Using God’s Special Means of Grace

Questions and Answers – Student Guide

Lesson goal The goal of this class is to answer the question, “What special means in addition to his saving Word does God use to show us his grace?”

Pre Lesson Preparation: Read Acts 16:22-34 and Matthew 26:26-30.

Think

Depending on your knowledge about the following, answer A or B or C:

A) Describe a water tower with underground pipes taking water from it to other locations or explain what a water tower is and how it works.

B) Describe a mountain reservoir and the way water goes from it to the people living below.

C) Describe intravenous [IV] tubes in the hospital that lead medications and fluids to sick patients.

What are the means by which the stored water (or IV fluids) get to the people who need the water (fluids)?

God uses special means to give us his saving grace. We already have learned that he gives us his Word, the Bible, the rock on which our faith in Jesus is built.

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in these stories?
2. What are the objects in these stories?
3. Where did these stories take place?
4. When did these stories happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in each story?
7. Is the problem solved? How?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. In our last lesson we learned that because God has loved and saved us, we want to thank him in our lives by serving him and others. How did Paul and Silas show thanks to God in their lives?
14. Why was the jailer scared?
15. In a miraculous way, the jailer's life went from despair to joy. How did God change his life?
16. The early Christian church baptized infants. But today some Christian churches do not baptize babies and young children but instead wait until they are older and understand more. Read Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19. How do Jesus' command and the baptisms in today's Bible lesson help us see that baptism is for all people of all ages? Also read Luke 18:15-17. How did Jesus show that babies are important?
17. Some Christian churches reason that it's impossible that the bread and wine received at the Lord's Supper are body and blood. But what did Jesus say?
18. Some Christian churches also say there is no spiritual benefit given in the Lord's Supper; they do it only because Jesus commanded it. But what did Jesus say in our Bible lesson?
19. We call Baptism and the Lord's Supper "sacraments." They and God's saving Word are the means by which God works faith in our hearts, gives us forgiveness of sins, and assures us of life everlasting in heaven with him. Who is doing the work through these sacraments? Who is doing the receiving?

Lesson wrap-up

20. What special means in addition to his saving Word does God use to show us his grace?