

## Questions for eGroup Discussion

# *How NOT to be Saved*

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### How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

**Group Participants:** Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

**Group Leaders:** Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

## Getting Started

What happened the last time you were locked out of your house or car? How did you get in?

## Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

**Spirit:** *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

### Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 13:22-35 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible versions, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from these verses, or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses? What aspect of these verses challenges you, intrigues you, or creates some questions for you?

Positively-speaking ... from these verses and this weekend's message, what does it mean to be "saved," and how does a person experience the salvation that God offers them?

In response, from these verses Pastor Alan gave five ways we can miss God's gift of salvation. Review these points and verses as you respond to the questions after each one.

#### 1. Never make it personal (verses 22 & 24)

What might lead a person to de-personalize salvation?

Why is a personal response to Jesus essential to experiencing salvation?

#### 2. Focus on how many different religions there are (verse 24)

What's the premise behind this argument, and how does Jesus respond to it?

#### 3. Keep procrastinating (verses 24-25)

Why is this a dangerous thing to do, and what does it imply for us personally and for our witness to non-believers?

How do you feel personally about Jesus closing the door to salvation at some point?

## Embrace the Gospel Continued

4. Assume that familiarity with Jesus is enough (verses 26-30; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Why is this especially dangerous in terms of a person missing God's gift of salvation?

In contrast, how does the gospel message help us understand what God is really looking for?

5. Focus only on God's love, and not His judgment (verses 31-35)

Why do we need to take a "both-and" (rather than an "either-or") approach to salvation?

In what ways does baptism picture what's at the heart of salvation, from God's perspective? (Galatians 2:20)

### **A**pplication: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

Which of the above responses have you wrestled with personally or in your relationship with others?

In response, how did this weekend's message help you see God's perspective on the gift of salvation more clearly?

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in you following through on this? How can your eGroup be a part of this journey with you?

## Experience the Spirit

### **Prayer:** *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for people in your life in need of experiencing God's salvation. Pray especially for clarity and faith in areas where there might be misperception or resistance.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

## Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. One way to do this is through our **Annual Holiday Food Basket Outreach**, providing a holiday food basket for church and community families that are struggling financially.

We're inviting eGroups to participate by either nominating and/or purchasing groceries for a family in need. The group's responsibilities would be to purchase the groceries and deliver them directly to the family. We're encouraging them to also purchase enough groceries to put together a separate bag of food that the nominated family could give away to another person in need. This additional bag is purely optional.

We have a suggested grocery list if you're at a loss on what to include in the basket. The suggested delivery date for the food baskets is one week prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, want to make a nomination, or need a family to donate to, please contact Michelle Duvall at [michelled@cccgreeley.org](mailto:michelled@cccgreeley.org).



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