

Main Idea: Our response to Christ authenticates our faith.

Man's Quest to Find the Way

"Jesus is the Way to God." This very basic message is the cornerstone of Christianity. Songs have been written and sung in the church for hundreds of years pointing to Christ as "the Way." In fact, the early church movement was once called "the Way." There was a popular Bible published in the 70's called "The Way."

Authentic Faith Responds

Christianity is a responding faith. To believe in Jesus Christ is to respond to Him. To say we believe and not to respond is like buying a new house but never moving in. It is the pattern we see in the Bible – to believe is to respond.

- ❑ Adam – Obey Me because you love Me.
- ❑ Abraham – Trust Me because you love Me.
- ❑ Moses – Serve Me because you love Me.
- ❑ Israel – Worship Me because you love Me.
- ❑ Jesus – Respond to Me because you believe in Me.

Meet Saul

We are introduced to Saul in Acts 7 at the stoning of Stephen. Saul was a rising star among Jewish politicians, hell-bent on destroying the church. We next see Saul in Acts 9. Few conversion accounts are as dramatic as that of Saul's. From the church's most powerful enemy to the church's most prolific missionary, Saul-turned-Paul turned the first-century Gentile world upside-down. It all began when he responded to Christ.

Theological Pairs

In Acts 9 we have one of the clearest explanations of the Gospel and salvation in the Bible. Saul met Jesus and responded. Throughout the Scripture salvation is very often communicated using pairs – two things coupled together to more fully describe our response to God.

- ❑ Repent and Believe – John the Baptist.
- ❑ Believe and Go, or Do – Jesus.
- ❑ Believe and be Baptized – Peter and John.
- ❑ Repent and be Baptized – Paul

The action does not make us right with God; the faith does (Ephesians 2:8-10). But the response authenticates our faith, and authentic faith is what is required of God.

Q: In light of my faith in Christ, how have I responded?

Family Night Big idea – Read Acts 9:1-22

- Elementary School – Ask, "What kind of person was Saul in the beginning? What happened to him on the way to Damascus? When he arrived in Damascus who helped him? What did Saul do when he could see again?"
- Middle/ High School – Ask, "How did Paul respond to the light and the voice of Jesus? Why is a response so important when it comes to belief? What kind of responses authenticate our faith? How have you responded?"

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, we want to respond in faith to Jesus. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meets this Wednesday, October 8th.

Gravity: Today in both services.

Today's Songs

Lion and the Lamb.....Big Daddy Weave

I Know a Name.....Brandon Lake

All My Fountains.....Passion

Baptism

October 26th. Use the Communication Card to let us know if you are interested or have questions.

PlusONE

We want to challenge you to add one thing to your church attendance on Sunday to strengthen your Faithwalk. It will take initiative on your part and we would be glad to show you how!

Boo Bash

Mark your calendars for our fall event on October 26th. We will have Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Pancake Supper, Cake Walk, Games, Petting Zoo and more! We need help with Trunk or Treat, Cake Walk, and donations. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.