

LESSON 8 – A Bible Story for Every Occasion

INTRODUCTION

Faith in Jesus as Savior for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are the bedrock of the Christian faith. Without this truth we have no hope.

While these two promises are God's final and forever solution to all our problems, the immediate answer to every hurt is not "your sins are forgiven, heaven is yours, have a nice day!"

God gives us many more promises and examples of his love and care to encourage us along the way.

Sin's Brokenness and God's Solutions

1.) Brainstorm some of the hurts/pains, problems, temptations, etc. that can trouble believers or unbelievers.

While there is interconnectedness and overlap, let's group them under three different headings...

Physical	Social / Situational (society, culture, church, family)	Spiritual / Emotional

2.) What are some Bible stories or events in the life of Jesus that we might "pair up" to remedy or show God's empathy with some specific problems or hurts in people's lives?
• Physical –
• Social / Situational —
• Spiritual / Emotional –
3.) How can we use these to point to the highest expression of God's love and grace in Jesus?
NEXT TIME – January 8 th – NEW SERIES: A Scriptural Response to Homosexuality