

The Colors Bible Study

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Each lesson will have four different topics. They are:

Gospel, The Story Of Jesus: Yellow

Identity and Grace: Pink

Encouragement: Green

The Church: Blue

Lesson Nine

9-A Gospel

Read and highlight Luke 1:26-38 in yellow.

1. Why was Mary surprised about being pregnant?
(She had never had sex.)
2. What do you think Mary thought after being told that she would give birth to the Messiah? (She would have had to be overwhelmed, but she was willing.)

She said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word”

Read and highlight Matthew 1:18-25 in yellow.

1. What was Joseph’s first reaction after finding out Mary was pregnant? (He was going to have her put away.)
2. Why did he change his mind? (The angel told him who the baby would be.)

Read and highlight Luke 2:1-20 in yellow.

1. What did the Angels tell the shepherds about Jesus? (That the savior is born and they told them where to find Him.)
2. What does it mean when it says, “Mary treasured these things in her heart”?

9-B, Identity and Grace

Read and highlight Matthew 10:28-33 in pink.

1. How well does God pay attention to this world? (He even knows when a sparrow dies)

2. What does God mean when He says we are worth more than many sparrows? (He is saying that God cares for sparrows and He cares for us very much.)

3. How well does God know us? (He knows how many hairs are on our head.)

Lesson 9-C, Encouragement

Read and highlight Exodus 14:10-15 in green.

1. Why were the Israelites afraid? (Pharaoh was marching towards them with an army and the Red Sea was blocking their exit.)

2. How did Moses answer their fear? (Do not fear, stand by and see the salvation of the Lord.)

3. What does it mean, “Let the Lord fight for you while you keep silent”?

4. How hard would it be to go forward into the Red Sea?

5. What happened to the Red Sea?

Read and highlight Psalms 9:7-10 in green.

1. How will God treat the oppressed?

2. What does it mean to know the name of God?

3. What does putting your trust in God mean?

4. Who will God not abandon? (Those who seek Him.)

Lesson 9-D, The Church

Read and highlight Hebrews 13:15-16 in blue.

1. What instrument is mentioned in this verse for praise?

(The fruit of lips.)

2. How often should we praise God? (Continually)

Read and highlight Colossians 3:15-17 in blue?

1. Where does ultimately worship take place? (Your heart.)

Read and highlight John 4:19-24 in blue.

1. Would Jesus change the way people worship?

(Yes, Jesus said, "...an hour is coming and now is when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.)

2. Should our worship be based on the Old Testament?

(No, Jesus said He would change worship. So our worship should be based on His teaching and the teaching the Holy Spirit recorded after His death and resurrection.)

3. Are there feelings that are physical that we sometimes confuse with spiritual? (Yes we often confuse physical response to physical stimulation making the mistake of thinking it is spiritual when it is physical.)

Examples:

Music: Often our senses are stimulated by very secular music. We often drive around in circles just to finish a song on the radio. Obviously this stimulus is physical because the song is secular. It is a mistake to think that the same physical response when the song is Christian is spiritual. If it is physical in one instance it is physical in the other. Our

goal in praise is not to artificially stimulate the senses. It is to communicate our praise and love to God.

Speakers: We also often think a speaker that moves us emotionally is a spiritual speaker. This is wrong and can lead to false doctrine. Our test of accuracy can not be emotion. It has to be the scripture. History is full of great speakers who lead people to do evil things. People reacted to the emotion of speakers such as Hitler and Stalin to murder and to do evil. A speaker who moves us emotionally is not necessarily a spiritual speaker. He is only spiritual as he teaches the truth.

Buildings: Architecture is another instance where our senses are stimulated. This also is not a spiritual response. If we stand in the rotunda of the Capital Building, our senses are stimulated and we have an emotional response. We realize this is not spiritual because of the obvious fact that the Capital is not a Holy Place. Truly many secular or pagan structures are impressive and stimulate our senses. The mistake happens when we have the same response to a architectural structure that is used in worship and we say the sense of awe caused by the architecture is spiritual. It is not. It is the same response as the secular buildings.

Modern religion because of its complicating God's simple patterns has tried to replace the sincere worship of God with artificial ones. Because peoples worship was vain and not sincere, they looked for ways to give people a feeling any feeling. They did this by introducing artificial stimulus and calling it physical. Instrumental music, elaborate buildings, and complicated ceremonies replaced the simple worship exemplified in the Bible.