



Grace Church Elementary

Camp Grace

LESSON 84

1st and 2nd Grade

Principle: Confront believers in sin. There is danger in hypocrisy.

Bible Character(s): Paul, Peter

Scripture Reference: Galatians 2:11-16



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read Galatians 2:11-16. Notice that Cephas (Peter) ate with the Gentiles until the Jews came to visit. Then, he withdrew himself from the Gentiles. Peter observed legalistic practices with the Jews, who believed certain foods were unclean. When the Jews were not around, however, he ate all foods. He was not consistent in his actions. Paul confronted the inconsistency of Peter's actions in the presence of others. Paul pointed out that the inconsistency of Peter's actions would confuse others and affect his witness.

Think about hypocrisy, and how believers can easily fall into living in a way that conflicts with what the Bible says. Do you see anything in your life that could be seen as hypocritical? If you believe and trust in Jesus as Savior, then you have been saved by grace. But believers still have a responsibility to live in a way that honors and glorifies God. We reflect who God is and what He has done for us to the world. God does not expect us to live a perfect life, but He desires for us to reflect the heart of Christ in the way we live. When we recognize sin in ourselves, we must turn to God and repent of our sin. When we continue living in sin, especially when we have recognized the sin, what message are we giving to unbelievers? What is keeping you from turning from your sin? In addition to recognizing sin in ourselves, we have a responsibility to recognize sin in other believers. God calls us to confront another believer in sin. Confrontation must come from a humble heart, a heart that recognizes one's own sin and standing before God.

How would you confront someone in sin? What steps would you take? How would you expect another to confront you of your sin? Think through your approach as you read through the lesson to prepare to teach your campers how to confront another believer in sin.

PLUG IN TIME - 5-10 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

Arrive early to check the supplies in the bin and review the lesson. Write today's principle on the whiteboard. Remember to greet all campers upon arrival; meet their parents; welcome and introduce all visitors. Create a welcoming cabin for all campers!

How many of you think that you're not supposed to lie? Have you told anyone, maybe a brother or

sister, or a friend even, that lying is bad? Why did you tell them that? Have you ever lied before? How does it make you feel if you've told others not to lie, but you've lied before? Do you think living in a way where you say one thing, but you do something else, is how God wants you to live?



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

As you line up, remind campers we are going to have fun as an entire Camp Grace group! We are going to live out GRACE by **Glorifying God** through worship, **Respecting All Leaders**, and **Accepting Responsibility** to listen with attentive ears, minds, and hearts - fully **Celebrating Christ** with passion! We should **Encourage Others** to do the same, by not distracting them from their worship of God.

The Bridge to Small Group

Today we will see how to recognize when another believer is in sin and how to confront them in a Biblical manner. We will define hypocrisy, and talk about the importance of good character that reflects Christ.

Small Group Time - 25-30 minutes

Getting Started

If your cabin did well in Big Group, acknowledge it. If not, take a couple of minutes to talk about how they can do better next time.

What did you learn in Big Group? Why was one of the trainees upset with the Camp Guide? (The Camp Guide was telling him not to do something, and then turning around and doing it himself.)
What did the trainees learn? (When another believer is living in sin, or is being hypocritical, we should confront in love and help them recognize their sin and their need for Jesus to change their heart.)

Last week we talked about the body of Christ, how God designed the body of Christ to live with the same purpose, working together in harmony to spread the kingdom of God. If you believe and trust in Jesus, then you are a member of the body of Christ. God created you with a specific role in the body of Christ, and gave you unique gifts to fulfill that role. When one member is not fulfilling their role, or living to bring glory to God, then the whole body cannot function as God created it to.

Today we will learn about one role of believers in the body of Christ: to confront another believer who is in sin. We will learn how to recognize when another is in sin, how to confront that person in a loving way to show them how they are not glorifying God, and how to help them see their sin and repent.

Let's begin in Galatians 2 [NLT]. Paul wrote this letter to the church in Galatia.

Galatians 2:11-13

11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. 12 When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the

necessity of circumcision. 13 As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

Act It Out



The purpose is for the campers to understand how Peter was being hypocritical.

Supplies:

Signs – 1 Peter, 2 Gentile Christians, 2 Jewish Christians (1 set per bin)

Ask for volunteers to act out the passage we just read, Galatians 2:11-13. Use the signs to distinguish between the characters.

Tie It Together



In one of our previous lessons (Acts 10), we saw God tell Peter to tell the Gentiles about Jesus, because God showed Peter that all people needed Jesus to save them, both Jews and Gentiles. Peter obeyed God. He began visiting the Gentiles in their homes to tell them about Jesus. But when he was in Antioch, and a certain group of Jews were around, Peter would not go into a Gentile's home because he feared what those Jews would think about him. His actions were not only wrong, but caused other Jews to follow his example of being a hypocrite.

In Big Group, we learned what a hypocrite is. Do you remember the definition? (You talk the talk, but you don't walk the walk. You tell others how to live, but you don't live that way.) Peter's actions were dishonoring to God, and were not a good example to the other believers. Paul confronted Peter, and told him he was living in a way that did not glorify God. His actions were not reflecting Jesus and the church correctly. Peter was being a hypocrite, and as a result, other believers began to do what Peter did.

Who's A Hypocrite?



The purpose of this activity is to understand what hypocrisy is.

Supplies:

Teachers guide – Situations Guide side (2 per bin)

Hypocrisy definition below

Read through the situations and talk about how the person is being a hypocrite. Later in the lesson, we will talk about these more.

Hypocrisy: You tell others how to live, but you do not live that way; you talk the talk, but don't walk the walk.

Tie It Together



We can see from these different situations that it can be easy to say one thing, but do something else. Most of us are guilty of the sin of hypocrisy. The Bible teaches us to how to live our lives in a way that is honoring to God. As we read our Bible and grow in our faith, the Holy Spirit will

show us many things that we say and do that are sinful. If you believe and trust in Jesus as Savior, you need to learn how to recognize your sin, confess it, and repent of it. Believers also need to learn how to recognize hypocrisy (sin) in the lives of other believers so that we can confront them and help them see how they are not living to glorify God. We can ask God to change our hearts so we can bring glory to Him.

Let's see how Paul corrected Peter in his actions.

Galatians 2:14, 16

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"

¹⁶ Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."

Was Peter "talking the talk, and walking the walk?" (Allow responses.) No! Peter was more concerned with what the Jews thought about him than living the way God wanted him to live. Peter believed that Jesus came to save all people, not just the Jews. There were many Jews who did not believe this. When these Jews were around, Peter did not talk to the Gentiles.

What did Paul do? (Allow responses.) Paul saw that Peter was "not following the truth of the gospel message." He recognized the sin in Peter's life, and he confronted Peter out of love to show him how he was sinning. He said that we are not saved by our actions, but by our belief and faith in Jesus Christ. When you have faith in Jesus, then your actions should show what you believe. It is not easy to confront a friend when they are in the wrong, or sinning, but the Bible tells us we are to do just that. We bring glory to God when we confront a friend who is in sin and help them to see their sin, to repent, and to allow God to change their heart.

Jesus +



The purpose of this activity is to help the campers understand how they might add more to just believing in Jesus for salvation.

Supplies:

White board

Worksheet (1 per camper)

Dry Erase Marker

Give each camper a worksheet. Explain that you're going to work through this on the white board, but they should complete their own worksheets as you do. They can draw pictures if they aren't able to write everything. The goal is to explain what the Bible says about salvation vs what we say or believe about salvation.

1. Write/draw the top part of the worksheet on the board. Explain that this section will show us

what the Bible says about salvation. Read Romans 10:9. **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."** What does the Bible say we have to do for salvation (or to be saved)? (Believe in Jesus.) That's right. Romans 10:9 says that if we **"confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead,"** we will be saved. Let's write **"belief in Jesus"** in the first circle on our worksheets. (Write "believe in Jesus" in the circle on the board.) Help them understand that the Bible says Salvation = Belief in Jesus.

2. Next, draw the second part of the worksheet on the board. Explain that sometimes we change what the Bible says by saying or believing that *we must do certain things* to be saved. We add to what the Bible says we need ("belief in Jesus"), and even though they may be good things that do flow out of our faith, these things are not needed for our salvation. Write "belief in Jesus" in the circle and then explain that we add (plus sign) to that by saying or thinking we need to do more to be saved. In the triangles, write things we think we need to do to be saved (praying before meals; actions/works like obeying parents, being honest, helping others, etc; reading the Bible; going to church; etc.) Be sure to talk to them about how these things are good things and they please God, but that the Bible tells us we don't have to do these things for our salvation (the FREE gift of God – Romans 6:23). Read Galatians 2:16. **"Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law." It is only by faith in Christ that we are saved, not by doing anything else.**

Tie It Together



We can see from the pictures that the only thing the Bible tells us we must do in order to be saved is to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are to trust that Jesus is who He says He is, and that he took the punishment for our sins when He died on the Cross. We often add to this by thinking we have to do things to earn our salvation, like pray before meals, go to church every Sunday, or just act in a certain way. Remember two things. We are not made clean by praying, going to church or obeying our parents. We are made clean by having faith in Jesus Christ. Also, we cannot judge other people. Many of the things we add to just believing in Jesus for salvation are good things. They can flow out of our belief in Jesus, but none of these things alone can save us from our sin. The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9, **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."**

Biblical Confrontation 101




The purpose of this activity is to help the campers learn how to confront a friend who is in sin.

Supplies:

Teachers guide – both sides (2 per bin)

Read through the list of steps provided for confronting another believer in sin. Explain each step as it says on the worksheet so that the campers can fully understand what it means. Next, read through the different situations (from earlier) again as a group. Ask the campers some questions: Who is the person in sin? Who is the person confronting the one in sin? What makes the person in sin a hypocrite? How should the person confront their friend in sin?

Tie It Together

 Paul spoke to Peter and told him how his behavior was harming the church in an effort to help him and to glorify God. We are all one body and are saved through Christ, not through our works. Paul wanted the truth of the Gospel to be clear to help Peter see how his life was not reflecting his belief in Jesus. The Bible tells us in Galatians 6:1 that if another believer is caught in sin, then we are to correct that person. We are to gently show another believer how they are in sin and how they can repent so that they can bring glory to God. When the Holy Spirit is present in our friendships with each other, we learn how to treat one another with respect and kindness. By asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance, we can learn how to avoid hypocrisy in our actions and words, even when trying to correct a friend.

Prayer Time

Spend a few minutes in prayer to finish small group time. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and pay the punishment of our sin. Ask Him to help us to love others as God loves, by living in a way that brings glory to His name.



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