



LESSON 84 SKIT

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.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

I) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Coin Flip

Each cabin has a coin to flip. They flip with the host on the count of three. If the cabin matches the host coin, they remain in the competition (stay standing). If the cabin does not match the host coin, the cabin is eliminated (sit down). Last cabin standing wins.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

How many of you, when you do something wrong, admit you were wrong and apologize to the person you wronged? How about if you see someone else doing something wrong; do you confront that person to help them recognize their sin? If you believe and trust in Jesus, one of your roles in the body of Christ is to hold each other accountable. God wants us to help each other recognize sin in our life so that we recognize our need for Jesus and need for our heart to be changed. Confronting another believer in sin is a hard thing to do and takes courage, but the Holy Spirit is there to guide you as you confront others. As we sing this last song, think about how the Holy Spirit helps you everyday live to bring glory to God.

6) Skit

Talking the Talk and Walking the Walk

ProPresenter:

None

Roles:

Staff Member #1: Camp Grace Guide-Trains staff members to take campers on hikes. He is like a drill sergeant.

Staff Member #2

Staff Member #3

Props:

Two long sticks

1 box of matches

A couple of marshmallows

A stick of gum

A candy bar (no nuts)

(After each service, please insure that all props are in place and ready for the next service to use.)

Script:

The three characters hike to the stage. The Camp Grace Guide is instructing as they go.

Camp Grace Guide: (Making the way to the stage.) **Leaves of three, let it be. Leaves of five, ummm...let's see....leaves of five, jump back and be alive.**

Trainee #1: **Sir, are you sure that's right? Jump back and be alive?**

Camp Grace Guide: **Trainee, are you questioning me?**

Trainee #1: **Yes sir because I think...**

Trainee #2: (Jumping in to save Trainee #1) **Sir, no sir. There are no questions here.**

(Trainee #2 makes motions for the Trainee #1 to know that he/she should not question the Camp Grace Guide. They all make it to the stage.)

Camp Grace Guide: **Attention! As you can clearly see, we have made it to our campsite area. This is one of the many campsite areas where you will escort groups of Camp Grace campers if, in fact, you do make it through the camp guide training program. I would suggest to you that if you want to become the excellent camp guide that I, myself, have become, you listen to and do everything exactly as I say. Is that clear?**

Trainees: **Sir, yes sir.**

Camp Grace Guide: **Our first order of business today, trainees, is learning to make a fire. Collect two sticks, trainees, and begin rubbing them together. The friction will ignite a spark. From there, I will teach you to build a Camp Grace fire.**

Trainees take the sticks and kneel over the area where the fire should be. They should face the audience.

Trainee #1: **I have matches in my pocket, sir. Wouldn't that be easier?**

Trainee #2: (Shake head vigorously in a warning for Trainee #1 to be quiet.)

Camp Grace Guide: **What did you say, trainee? Did you say matches? No self-respecting Camp Grace Guide uses matches. We use the natural resources for our fire building needs. Hand over those matches, trainee.**

Trainee #1: **Yes sir.** (Hands over the matches.)

As the two trainees begin rubbing the sticks together, the Camp Grace Guide walks to the side of the stage. His back is to the trainees, but he should be facing the campers. It will appear that he cannot hear the trainees talking. The Camp Grace Guide holds the matches in his hand and then appears to have an idea. He reaches into his pocket and pulls out a marshmallow. He lights a match and attempts to roast the marshmallow over the match. He should pretend to burn his finger and maybe even his mouth on the marshmallow. He looks over his shoulder a few times to be sure the trainees do not see him. When the trainees begin their dialogue, he should be relatively still and look as if he is gazing into the wilderness so that he doesn't distract from their lines.

Trainee #2: You've got to be more careful. You can't question the Camp Guide. You just follow along with everything he says. I know how much you want to be a camp guide one day. Don't blow this.

Trainee #1: (It is important that as you express your disappointment here over the hypocrisy of your leader that you do not sound disrespectful. It's all in the tone. We want to model respect for the authority over us.) I know. I know. I'll try to just do whatever he says. But, did you just see that? He said no self-respecting Camp Grace Guide uses matches. He was just over there using the very matches I had in my pocket. That's kind of hypocritical.

Camp Grace Guide: How is the fire coming along, trainees? (Walks to them.)

Trainee #2: Sir, we're trying, sir.

Camp Grace Guide: You'll have to try harder. On a cold day, your Camp Grace campers would be frozen solid by now. It's important to get your fire going quickly. So, keep working, trainees. In the meantime, I need to inform you that at no time will any type of sweet food be allowed on a hike. Before each hike, you will carefully inspect the backpacks and pockets of your campers for sweet foods such as (As items are mentioned, pull from pockets to illustrate.) gum, candy bars, marshmallows, and the like. These foods attract outside visitors to the campsite such as bears and raccoons. So, under no circumstances should there be any sweet food at the campsite at anytime. Is that clear?

Trainees: Sir, yes, sir.

The Camp Grace Guide goes back to side of the stage with his back to the trainees. He begins putting the sweet food items back into his pockets. The candy bar catches his eye and he begins to unwrap it and eat it. Again, he looks over his shoulder to see if the trainees are looking. He shouldn't distract from the Bible story here.

Trainee #2: He opened the candy bar. I wonder if any raccoons or bears will get a whiff of it.

Trainee #1: I hope not. Listen, I was just studying our scripture for the day in Galatians 2 before we began training. In that scripture, Paul talks about how he had to confront Peter about being a hypocrite.

Trainee #2: Okay, that's the second time you've used the word hypocrite. I'm not sure that I know what that word means. I just know it sounds like something I don't want to be.

Trainee #1: Let's see. The best way to define hypocrite is to say that "You talk the talk, but you don't walk the walk." You tell others how to live, but you don't live that way. For example, in Peter's case, he got a vision from God that let him know that all people were clean in God's sight. From the vision, he learned that he was to go to the Gentiles and tell them about Jesus.

Trainee #2: I remember studying about Peter's vision. God let him know that all things and all people made by God were clean.

Trainee #1: Well, Peter began visiting the Gentiles in their homes to tell them about Jesus. But, when a certain group of Jews were around, he wouldn't go into a Gentiles' home. He separated himself from the Gentiles when this group of Jews came around. Some other Jews who respected Peter watched his behavior and thought they should follow his example.

Trainee #2: That's crazy. Peter was telling others that they should go to the Gentiles to tell them about Jesus. Peter actually talked to the Gentiles about Jesus when this certain group of Jews wasn't around, but when they came around; he would pretend to have nothing to do with the Gentiles.

Trainee #1: Right. He was talking the talk, but not walking the walk.

Trainee #2: What happened?

Trainee #1: Paul loved Peter enough to help him see how sinful his behavior was. Paul went to help him see how his walk didn't match his talk. He helped Peter see the bad example he was setting for other Christians. By doing that, Paul set an example for us. Paul showed us that we need to go to other Christians in love and help them when they get off track.

Trainee #2: I see where you're going with this. You think we should go to the Camp Guide in love and help him see that he's talking the talk, but not walking the walk. He's telling us one thing and doing another.

Trainee #1: I think we should.

Trainee #2: It's a little scary to even think of confronting him, but what if we didn't? What if we followed the example he's setting for us and told our campers to do one thing while we did another? Then, they would follow our example and it would go on and on.

Trainee #1: That's one of the reasons Paul stepped in to help Peter. He knew others were following Peter's example. I think that if we truly love the Camp Guide, it would be wrong of us not to follow Paul's example and confront him. First, let's pray.

Father, thank you for giving us Paul's example of confronting those who have gotten off track. Help us to love others enough to go to them and talk to them when they are talking the talk, but not walking the walk. Amen.

Trainee #1: We're going to go talk to the Camp Guide and hopefully help him see that he is being a hypocrite. While we do that, you're going to sing one more song before you go back to your cabins. Maybe soon, we'll be able to take you on a hike with us. Until then, "Talk the talk and Walk the walk".



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