



Week of May 21 - a

Scripture: Mt 7:21-27

Main Idea: Jesus makes it clear that claiming faith in him, is not enough to be saved. He points out that it is those who do God's will, who will go to heaven. He compares obeying God to being wise and building our house on a good strong foundation.

Questions

Preschool: Will God think we are wise if we follow him and do his will?

Grade school: Is it your goal to get to heaven? What do you need to do? Read your Bible? Go to church services? Pray? What else do you need to do?

Teen: Is believing in Jesus all you need to go to heaven? Why not? What did Jesus say in today's reading that is considered wise? Why do more people not do this?

Adult: It has been said that you should end your speeches with the most important points; those you want the audience to remember. Why do you think Jesus ended the Sermon on the Mount, one of his longest recorded sermons, with admonitions against false prophets, warnings for false disciples and an example of hearing His word yet not following it? What should this tell us for our time?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:
For God to help us have faith that is active in obeying him.

May Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



Week of May 21 - b

Scripture: Mt 8:5-13

Main Idea: Jesus encounters a centurion (also a Gentile) who has a servant who is suffering, paralyzed at home. When Jesus offers to go heal him, the centurion tells him he's not worthy for Jesus to come to his house. He says he knows that Jesus has the power to heal the servant without even going to him. This was the kind of faith that impressed Jesus, and the kind of faith we want to have today.

Questions

Preschool: Jesus loves the faith that he sees from the centurion because he doesn't have any doubt in Jesus. Is it hard to have strong faith all the time? Why is that?

Grade school: When you pray and ask God for help, or for God to help a family member or friend, do you believe God hears your prayer? Do you believe he can answer your prayer? God loves when we have great faith and believe with all our heart.

Teen: The centurion had faith, humility, and understood authority. How are these characteristics shown in these verses? Why are these pleasing to God?

Adult: This story of the centurion teaches us much about his faith. What else can we learn about his character? About his relationship with this servant? Do you think the servant was trusted and respected? Do you think the centurion knew his name? Or was he a nameless face in his home, serving quietly without really being seen?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:

For God to help us have greater faith in his ability to solve our problems.

May Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.