

# Youth Group Plus

## Episode 2

### “How Can I Become a Christian?”

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- Big Picture

- Oneness with God
  - Life as God intended ...
  - “Kingdom of God”
  - Live the Kingdom life ... live the way God wants you to live. because you trust that His way is best.
- Sin and Separation
- Consequences and Crying Out
- God Hears and Restores
  
- Whole Bible
  - Genesis 1-2
  - Genesis 3
  - the rest of the Bible
  - Revelation 21-22
  
- Nation of Israel
  
- People in the Bible
  
- Me and You

## • God's Plan to Save the World

- Jesus
  - Perfectly lived the Kingdom life
  - Revealed the way of the Kingdom to us
    - Brought healing to broken things ... physical sickness, oppressive people, evil systems.
  - Died and rose again to break the power of sin and invite us to have a personal relationship with him.
    - If we trust him (have faith in Him), He heals the brokenness in us.
      - Restores the relationship with God that we broke by our sin.
      - Works in us to heal the rest of the brokenness over time.
  
- Paul's Words in Romans (The Roman Road)
  - Romans 3:23 – "For all have sinned..."
  - Romans 6:23
    - a – "The wages of sin is death ..."
    - b – "... the free gift of God is eternal life."
  - Romans 5:8 – "God demonstrates His love for us like this ..."
  - Romans 10:9 – "If you confess with your mouth ..."
  
- Every relationship has a starting point
  - Your relationship with Jesus STARTS when you pray and acknowledge that you sin and the consequence is a broken relationship with God, and accept his gift of salvation by trusting that HIS death paid the consequence of YOUR sin.
  
- **\*\*\* Pray \*\*\***
  - Luke 15:10 – " there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."
  - Translation – Party in Heaven!

- Your relationship with Jesus GROWS as you learn more how to live and reveal His kingdom
  - Live the way he wants
  - Invite everyone you know to have a relationship with Jesus.
    - Explain the stuff I talked about at the start of this podcast.
    - Invite them to begin a relationship with Jesus by praying a prayer like the one we prayed just a minute ago.

## • You Are a Part of God's Plan

- Jesus lived out the Kingdom of God
  - He brought healing to broken things ... physical sickness, oppressive people, evil systems.
  - We bring healing to broken things ... stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves, speak out against those who hurt and abuse others.
    - What breaks your heart about the world?
    - What are you going to do about it as a response to God's love?
- Jesus revealed the Kingdom of God to others
  - He invited people to repent
    - To change the way they think by trusting in Him
    - To change the way they live by obeying the things God says
- Romans 10:14 – “But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

- **Blessed to Be a Blessing**

- Abraham
  - Genesis 22:18 – “And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”
- Our Story
  - God saves and restores us so we can be a part of His plan to save and restore the whole world.

- **Your Turn**

- What are some things that stuck out in today's teaching?
- What are some questions you have?
- How does today's teaching apply to your lives?
- What do you sense the Holy Spirit is saying to you through this teaching?
- What are you going to do about?

- **Go-To Question**

- How do you make sure you're growing in your relationship with Jesus?
- Why is that so important?