THE GOSPEL WORTH RECEIVING & SHARING

Week of January 1 - Small Group Lesson | Special Lesson

CONNECT

① If you're a believer, please share with your group when you decided to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

② When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone? How did it go?

VERSES - Lesson & Additional Verses

Lesson - Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

Romans 1:1-7 - 1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures— 3 concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh 4 and was appointed to be the powerful Son of God according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead. 5 Through him we have received grace and apostleship to bring about[d] the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles, 6 including you who are also called by Jesus Christ. 7 To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 - 1 Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. 6 Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me.

John 3:16 - 16 For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

STUDY

1. If someone who is interested in knowing about the gospel asks you, “What is the gospel?”, how will you answer him or her? (Romans 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, John 3:16)

2. What does it mean not to be ashamed of the gospel? How can believers show through their lifestyle that they are being and are not being ashamed of the gospel?)

3. Based on Romans 1:16-17, what are the reasons not to be ashamed of the gospel?

☕ **DISCUSS:** In Japan, what are some factors or obstacles that cause or influence believers from not sharing the gospel?

🏃 **APPLY:** How do we avoid the above mentioned obstacles?

SHARE

Please share with your group if you have any personal reasons that may be preventing you from sharing the gospel and ask for prayers.

GROW

- Is there someone in your family or school or workplace who hasn’t heard the gospel? If yes, will you commit to share the gospel with the person within the next few months, for example?

- At TBC, Class 402- Personal Evangelism Training Class is offered about three times a year. In this class, we learn how to effectively share the gospel. The only prerequisite for this class is completion of Class 101 Membership Class. The next Class 402 at TBC-Shibuya is scheduled on March 12, Sunday, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Check TBC Life or weekly message outline for registration. You’re invited to join!

- Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.