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"KNOWING YOU'RE SAVED"

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JOHN 2:23-3:16

CORE STATEMENT: The Bible commands that as a follower of Jesus Christ YOU invest in others what Jesus and others have invested in YOU.

DEFINITION: Replication means reproducing the teaching and the life of Jesus Christ in others.

TRUTH: Replication, reproducing the life of Christ in you in another, is the heart of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Our goal for the next three weeks:

1. What to say in leading someone to Christ. What's salvation about? How can you know for sure you are saved?
2. How to talk to them about the importance of the Bible in their daily life.
3. How do you begin a life of prayer?

INSIGHT: The basics of the faith are foundational to a changed life.

FACTOID: 67% of Americans say they have a relationship with Christ; 50% say they've prayed a prayer asking Jesus into their heart, yet 50% of them have no regular presence in any kind of church, and 2/3 have lifestyles and worldviews that do not differ from those outside the Christian faith (John 2:24).

I. WHY YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN (Romans 3:23; Psalm 51:5; Genesis 2:17)

INSIGHT: Original sin means we are born with sick hearts, minds and wills. We don't love what we should, and we love what we shouldn't.

TRUTH: Sin has killed us...we are dead to God, and we need something outside us to come in and change us at our core (John 3:5; Ezekiel 36:25-27, 37:1-9).

TRUTH: Ezekiel 37:9 is the work of God in the church, and this is what you need.

INSIGHT: God doesn't want to change your behavior; He wants to change your desires!

II. HOW YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN (John 3:14; Numbers 21:6)

INSIGHT: Serpents were the result of their sin; death and hell is the result of ours (John 3:16).

TRUTH: Belief without full surrender is demonic faith.