

LESSON 4 – *Living in Thanks*

Questions and Answers – Student Guide

Lesson goal: The goal of this lesson is to answer the question, “How do Christians live because of their spiritual identity as God’s children, righteous and free because of Christ?”

Pre-lesson Preparation: Read Acts 9:36-42.

Think

Imagine you stole \$25,000. You were arrested, put on trial, found guilty and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Plus you must pay back the money you stole! What might be going through your mind?

Now pretend a friend stands up in court and says to the judge, “I love my friend. I will pay the money back now and serve the 15 years in prison.” Then the judge says to you, “You are free to go. Your record has been wiped clean. I’m sending your friend off to serve your sentence.”

Explain the feelings you would have if this happened to you.

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved? How?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. Our Bible reading told us that Tabitha was a disciple of Christ. She led her life in thankfulness to God. How did she thank God for loving and saving her?
14. How did Tabitha’s friends show that they loved her?

15. Now let's look at what motivates Christians to live for God as Tabitha did. Read 1 John 5:1-5. When Jesus is called "the Christ," it refers to him being the Savior God promised to send. Those who believe in the Son of God believe in his Father as well. How do believers show love to God? Christians overcome the world because Christians are _____ of God. How do we receive the victory that has overcome the world?
16. Read 1 John 4:11. What motivates us to love and serve others? And how does God show his love for us? And what do Christians do in their lives to demonstrate the love of their heavenly Father?
17. Some churches teach that if a person obeys God enough, God will make that person have a life filled with riches and other good things. What serious problems come to your mind as you think about such a teaching?
18. Come up with some specific ways you, like Tabitha, can use your talents to thank God for saving you.

Lesson wrap-up

19. How do Christians live because of their spiritual identity as God's children, righteous and free because of Christ?