GOOD GROUND FOUNDATIONS 6 FAITH How We Accept the Gift of Eternal Life

MEMORY VERSE: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast." <u>Ephesians 2:8-9</u>

Now that Jesus has completed His work for us on the cross, the only thing that remains is for us to accept the gift He freely offers. This week we learn how to do just that.

1. The first sermon ever preached after Jesus' death and resurrection was by Peter, with all the Jewish world gathered in Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost. How did the people respond to this sermon? (Acts 2:37-40)

2. What did Paul say to the Philippian jailer after the big earthquake in <u>Acts 16:25-34</u>?

3. We learned a little about faith in Foundations lesson 1 and 2. How does the bible say we are to live our lives? <u>Habakkuk 2:4</u> 4. How are we justified (made right) with God? (<u>Galatians</u> <u>3:11</u>)

5. We saw <u>Ephesians 2:8-10</u> in Lesson 2. Review this verse and write what you learn about faith from this verse?

6. Review <u>Hebrews 11:1</u>. Knowing what you know now about God, yourself, heaven and faith, define faith in your own words.

- 7. Now that we understand more of what the bible says about faith and how we are to live,
 - a. what do you think we all have to do to accept the free gift of eternal life?

- 8. What does Jesus promise to anyone who puts their faith in Him?
 - a. John 6:37-40

b. <u>Matthew 28:20</u>

b. Have you done that?

c. If not, is there anything keeping you from making that decision? (<u>Psalm 95:7-8</u>, <u>Isaiah 1:18</u>)

If you have made the decision to believe in Jesus today, congratulations, you have become a member of God's family! And don't worry, God has not left you alone, but has already provided everything you need to fully enjoy this new family. We will explore this in the remaining lessons of Foundations.

As we go through the next three lessons, spend some time during the week thinking about your spiritual journey. Maybe even write down or journal the key events in your life that led you to put your faith in Christ. Starting in Week 10, we will do a Testimony Workshop to help you learn to share your own experience briefly yet effectively in reaching people with the good news of God's Grace.