

Session 6: The Motive of the Sinner

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment. Did your friend say he was a good person? Why did he think so?

Food for Thought

Think deeply about what you are learning in this course. You are learning how to share your faith with others – how to bring the message of everlasting life to your hell-bound family members, friends, and coworkers. All human beings have a fear of death, and in their heart of hearts, they're crying, "I don't want to die!" Some admit this; others are too proud to do so. But every one of us has a God-given will to live. Consider that God wants to use you to take the message of eternal life to a hopeless and dying humanity. Your task is infinitely more important than that of a skilled doctor who saves a patient from a terminal disease. His job is merely temporal; the person will die anyway. You have the privilege of being involved in that which is eternal. So consider these thoughts and commit yourself wholeheartedly to such an honorable and sobering task.

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Discussion

1. Why do you think the Church turned away from the use of the Law and embraced the modern method of promising love, joy, peace, fulfillment, and lasting happiness?
2. Do you think sinners can be happy without Christ? (See Jeremiah 12:1)
3. Explain what the word "righteousness" means to you.
4. Explain why it's not right to use the promise of peace and joy as drawing cards for salvation.
5. What was your motive for coming to Christ?
6. Explain why a sinner's *motive* for coming to Christ determines whether or not he will fall away.
7. What did you think of the singing man with the "Jesus" sign dancing in Hollywood?
8. What should we be telling the world about Jesus?

Out of the Comfort Zone Activity

Call your helpful friend (the same person you talked with last week) and explain that you do have another question for him. Say, "Last week you said that you were a good person. This week's question is a test to see if that's true. Would you be willing to give it a try? [Be sure to get permission.] We will simply go through a few of the Ten Commandments. Here we go: Have you ever told a lie? Have you ever stolen anything? Have you ever looked at someone with lust (which Jesus said is the same as committing adultery)?" By now you should be very familiar with how to do this, having seen it done many times on the program. Don't listen to your fears; instead, think of the person's eternal welfare. (We know you can do it!) Go through as many of the Commandments as you can and end with, "It's certainly interesting to look at it from God's perspective, isn't it? Thanks for your honesty."

Again, there is no pressure to share the gospel with the person, unless you feel led to go further. If you sense that he is convicted by his sin, and you want to continue the conversation, follow the Lord's leading!

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