

Lesson 17. S-Short Gospel Presentation Third Method—Our God is Compassionate

Outline of Message, “Our God is Compassionate”

God has compassion on us.

1. Daily physical needs
2. Health needs
3. Mental/emotional needs
4. Spiritual needs

Conclusion: God continues to have compassion on us.

Our God is Compassionate

上帝怜悯我们

介绍:

可 6:34 上--耶稣出来，见有许多的人，就怜悯他们。



1. 肉体上的需要

太 15:32

耶稣叫门徒来，说：「我怜悯这众人，因为他们同我在这裏已经三天，也没有吃的了。我不愿意叫他们饿着回去，恐怕在路上困乏。」



2. 疾病

太 14:14--耶稣出来，见有许多的人，就怜悯他们，治好了他们的病人。



3. 心灵创伤

路 7:13--主看见那寡妇，就怜悯她，对她说：「不要哭！」



4. 罪恶

弥 7:19--必再怜悯我们，将我们的罪孽踏在脚下，又将我们的一切罪投於深海。



结论:

太 9:36--他看见许多的人，就怜悯他们：



The Chinese words are Bible verses and are explained in the notes below

Introduction

“Our God is Compassionate” is a Short Gospel Presentation which centers on the word compassion 怜悯.

Fill in the blanks.

1. Content of this presentation
 - 1) This presentation consists of six Scriptures and six pictures.
 - 2) The central teaching of the Short Gospel Presentation, Our God is Compassionate, is that the true God is full of compassion.
 - a. In each Scripture of this witnessing method, there is the word, compassion.
 - b. In fact, the word compassion appears ___ times on this visual aid.
 - 3) Of the five Gospel points, this particular Short Gospel Presentation uses three.
 - a. The presentation primarily consists of Point # 1, _____.
 - b. In the fourth Bible verse there is some material regarding Point # 2 sin and Point # 3 _____.

2. The listener
 - 1) This method of witnessing is appropriate to use when talking with someone completely new to the Christian faith because it is mostly about God's love and compassion. He might have heard a lot of things about many gods, and so it is important to start him out with the fact that the true God is full of love.
 - 2) It can also be used when talking with a child or someone who does not know how to read or write, as the _____ help to explain the concepts.

3. How to use this presentation
 - 1) Of course do not write on this visual aid so that you can Xerox it and use it again and again to explain the Gospel.
 - 2) To begin this presentation, write the word compassion 怜悯 on a piece of paper and show it to the listener. (It does not matter whether the listener knows how to read or not, for he can easily learn to read these two characters which are repeated again and again in the text.)
 - 3) Tell the person that you want to share with him about God's _____. Then show him a copy of the page in your textbook entitled Our God is Compassionate.
 - 4) Use the visual aid to read and explain each of the verses, one by one, directly from the paper. Refer to each picture to re-emphasize the content of the Scripture as you explain it.

The following materials provide you with information regarding what to say to a non-believer when you use this witnessing method, Our God is Compassionate. Your own knowledge of the Word of God will provide you with additional material about Jesus' compassion.

Introductory Bible Verse—God has compassion on us. (Mk 6:34)

1. The introductory verse, Mk 6:34, is a summary of Jesus' life, namely that He always had _____ on the people around Him.
2. To begin with, Bible Verses # 1 to # 3 on the visual aid tell about three different ways that Jesus showed His compassion for people in the midst of their earthly problems.
3. Bible Verse # 4 speaks of God's ultimate compassion on us in blotting out our sins. Of course this was only possible through Jesus suffering and dying on the cross for us.
4. Just as He had compassion on the people of His day, now He has compassion on us in the midst of our circumstances. He does not _____ (Mal 3:6a).

1 Bible Verse—Physical Needs such as Food, Clothing, Shelter, etc. 衣食住行 (Mt 15:32)

1. In # 1 Bible Verse we read that Jesus had compassion on the crowd because they had nothing to _____. He was concerned about their daily needs.
2. At least two times Jesus fed several thousand people with a small amount of food (Mt 14:13-21 and Mt 15:32-38).
3. As Jesus cared about people's daily needs in His day, He cares for us and provides us with our physical needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. He is forever the same.

#2 Bible Verse—Health Needs (Mt 14:14)

1. In # 2 Bible Verse, Mt 14:14, we see that Jesus had _____ on the sick.
 - 1) In Mk 1:29-31 Jesus healed Peter's sick mother-in-law. (See # 2 Bible Verse picture).
 - 2) At least ___ times in the Gospels it is recorded that Jesus healed individual sick people by touching their eyes, speaking to them individually, etc.
 - 3) It is recorded at least eight times that Jesus "in general" healed the sick.
 - 4) Over half of the recorded miracles that Jesus performed were to heal the sick.

2. When we are _____, Jesus helps us in one of two ways.
 - 1) He heals us through medicine, herbs, rest, an operation, a miracle, etc.
 - 2) He gives us strength to endure the sickness. Some of the ways He gives us strength are through
 - a. His Word (such as the Psalms)
 - b. Remembering our Baptism
 - c. Holy Communion
 - d. Other Christians
 - e. Our own singing praises of His greatness
 - f. Prayer

#3 Bible Verse—Mental/Emotional Needs (Lk 7:13)

1. In # 3 Bible Verse, Lk 7:13, we read that Jesus had _____ on the widow of Nain by raising her only son from the dead (Lk 7:11-15). In this story Jesus had compassion on a widow who had deep emotional needs.

2. God shows His compassion on us when we have mental or emotional needs and strengthens us in many of the same ways as mentioned above in **#2 Bible Verse—Health Needs**.
 - 1) In addition to these ways, He also helps us with our mental or emotional problems by casting out demons; giving us physical, mental, and emotional strength; having someone counsel us; etc.
 - 2) We should not insist that He help us in a very definite way of our choosing.
 - a. Rather we pray that His will be done.
 - b. We trust Him to help us in the best way for us. A good prayer for us to pray is from Ps 56:3, "When I am afraid, I put my _____ in Thee."

4 Bible Verse—Spiritual Needs (Mic 7:19)

1. In # 4 Bible Verse, Mic 7:19, we read that God has compassion on us when He sees us in a state of unhappiness because of our sin. He knows that our sin makes us unhappy for many reasons including the following.
 - 1) We feel guilty when we know we have sinned against others and God.
 - 2) We know we have hurt others.

- 3) We are afraid because
 - a. Someone might learn about our sin.
 - b. We might go further into ____.
 - c. We know we should be punished for our sin.
2. The Lord Jesus has _____ on us by getting rid of our sin. This was accomplished when He died on the cross in full payment for our sins.
3. He explains getting rid of our sins in two ways.
 - 1) He stamps out our sins.
 - 2) He casts them into the depths of the ____.
4. God uses these two pictures to show us that He completely rids us of our sins. This means that our sins are forever gone.
 - 1) Satan likes to bring up our sins to us again and again.
 - a. Rev 12:10 tells us that Satan accuses us day and night.
 - b. He wants us to always live in guilt.
 - 2) But God has forgiven our sins and does not want us to repeatedly repent of the same sins and feel guilty again and again.
 - a. He has already forgiven our sins and remembers them no more (Isa 43:25). He wants us to live in freedom and joy before Him.
 - b. We should forget what is past and press on toward a joyful future of serving Him (Php 3:13).
5. We should never forget that in order to forgive us, Jesus willingly took the punishment for our sins by suffering and dying on the cross.
6. And it is important to remember that God gives us strength to have victory over sin in our lives (I Co 15:57).

Concluding Bible Verse—God continues to have compassion on us. (Mt 9:36)

1. In the concluding Bible Verse, Mt 9:36, we see a summary of Jesus' life. He lived to have compassion upon all people in the midst of their circumstances.
2. As Jesus does not change (Heb 13:8), He still lives to have compassion on us when we have daily physical needs (such as food, clothing, shelter), health needs, mental/emotional needs, and spiritual needs. God is always with us showing His _____ on us.
3. It is a good plan to spend time tonight before going to sleep in thinking about God's great compassion upon us.

Homework Assignments:

1. Fill in the blanks in this lesson.
2. Before class tomorrow, use the method Our God is Compassionate to explain the Gospel to a person (preferably a non-Christian). Be ready to report in class tomorrow.

Optional Homework Assignments:

1. Read the following passages and write out the miracles that Jesus performed over the forces of nature. This will provide you with more material to share when telling about # 1 Bible Verse—Physical Needs.

Miracles Over Forces of Nature 胜过自然的力量

- 1) Lk 5:1-11 _____
- 2) Jn 21:6 _____
- 3) Mt 8:23-27; Mk 4:35-41; Lk 8:22-25 _____
- 4) Mt 17:24-27 _____

2. Read the following passages and write a list of the persons who were healed. This will provide you with more material to share when telling about # 2 Bible Verse—Health Needs.

Individual Bodily Cures 医治身体

- 1) Jn 4:46-54 _____
- 2) Jn 5:1-9 _____
- 3) Mt 8:14-17; Mk 1:29-31; Lk 4:38, 39 _____
- 4) Mt 8:2-4; Mk 1:40-45; Lk 5:12-15 _____
- 5) Mt 9:2-8; Mk 2:3-12; Lk 5:17-26 _____
- 6) Mt 12:9-14; Mk 3:1-6; Lk 6:6-11 _____
- 7) Mt 8:5-13; Lk 7:1-10 _____
- 8) Mt 9:27-31 _____
- 9) Mk 7:31-37 _____
- 10) Mk 8:22-26 _____
- 11) Jn 9 _____
- 12) Lk 13:10-17 _____
- 13) Mt 9:20-22; Mk 5:25-34; Lk 8:43-48 _____
- 14) Lk 14:1-6 _____
- 15) Lk 17:11-19 _____
- 16) Mt 20:29-34; Mk 10:46-52; Lk 18:35-43 _____
- 17) Lk 22:50-51 _____

3. Read the following passages and list the “general” healing miracles that Jesus did to show His compassion on people. This will provide you with even more material to share when telling about # 2 Bible Verse—Health Needs.

General Healing Miracles

- 1) Jn 2:23 _____
- 2) Mt 9:35 _____
- 3) Mt 4:24 _____
- 4) Lk 4:40 _____
- 5) Mt 15:30-31 _____
- 6) Mk 6:53-56 _____
- 7) Mt 19:1-2 _____
- 8) Lk 6:17-19 _____
- 9) Mk 1:32-34 _____
- 10) Jn 21:25 _____

4. Read the following passages and list the persons from whom demons were cast. This will

provide you with more material to share when telling about # 3 Bible Verse—
Mental/Emotional Needs.

Cures of Demoniacs 医治被鬼附的

- 1) Mk 1:21-28; Lk 4:31-37 _____
- 2) Mt 12:22; Lk 11:14 _____
- 3) Mt 8:28-34; Mk 5:1-20; Lk 8:26-39 _____
- 4) Mt 9:32-34 _____
- 5) Mt 15:21-28; Mk 7:24-30 _____
- 6) Mt 17:14-21; Mk 9:14-29; Lk 9:37-43 _____