

What Are the Books of the Bible ?

Lesson 25

Luke 4:14-22

Memory Verse

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11

Introduction

Have you ever come to Bible study and not really listened to the lesson? Maybe you came to get snacks or see some of your friends. Some people may hear the Bible lesson, but they don't do anything about it. Today's lesson helps us see what Jesus wants us to do. We have been talking about the Bible for several weeks. We talked about how God helped people write the books of the Bible.

Discussion

Ask: Do you remember what the books were first written on?

Leaves and animal skins.

Ask: Does anyone remember what language the Bible was in?

Hebrew and Greek.

Ask: Why should we know the Bible?

We can know all kinds of information about the Bible. But more importantly, God wants us to learn and use the Bible as a guide for how to live our life. He doesn't want us to tune it out and live our way during the rest of the week. Jesus knows best and if we ask Him for help and guidance, He will help us. That doesn't mean that we will always have an easy life—He didn't promise that.

Here's an example—in school we have spelling tests and other tests that we have to take. Many times we remember the information just for the test. After the test, we forget it because it is not important to us. God says—Hey, the Bible is important stuff. Don't forget it. He wants us to know more and more about it so that we will live His way.

Ask: How can you begin?

Set goals to learn the books of the Bible and to learn memory verses. The Bible is divided into two parts. Look for helps to help you learn the books of the Bible.

Scripture

Luke 4:14-15

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

When Jesus lived, many people just went to church because it was the thing to do. They didn't really understand who God was and they didn't know that Jesus was God's Son.

Scripture

Luke 4:16-22

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

One church day, Jesus went back to His hometown. He stood up to read from the scrolls (remember what they were?) The scroll of Isaiah (in the Old Testament) was given to Him. He read Isaiah 61:1-2. (Let's look it up quickly)

Ask: Where was Jesus when He read the scriptures?

Jesus was in Nazareth.

Discussion

Ask: About whom did the scriptures speak?

Jesus knew the Bible so well that He knew that these verses were talking about Him. He wanted to share them so that others would understand that God sent Him for a very special purpose.

After Jesus shared these words, He sat down. This made everyone so curious. They wondered what He was going to say. Jesus told them that that verse in Isaiah was coming true today. He was telling them that He was the one who would help free people. The people still didn't understand what Jesus meant.

Ask: Do you know what Jesus is talking about?

The freedom He talks about is the freedom to go to Heaven because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus knew that there was no way we could go to Heaven by ourselves. So, He died for all our wrongs so that we could be "free" and go to Heaven if we trust Him. Some people read the Bible or go to church all their lives and never understand that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. It's true! Believing Jesus is the only way for all people to go to Heaven. If you would like to learn more, talk to me about it.

Ask: What have you learned today?

We can learn that Jesus knew the Bible and learned lessons from it. He also shared it with others. And we can see that we need to listen and learn from the Bible too.

Ask: What are some things we can do this week to learn and know the Bible?

Encourage each response and challenge the group to do it this week.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.

Discussion

Application