

1. Motivate

What lessons about commitment were you taught growing up?

2. Transition

Consider Jesus' commitment to us.

- There are times when we rebel against Him.
- Even then, Christ is fully committed to love us and bring us to God.

A video introduction is available. Watch at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/1_rwrqoxu8

3. Bible Study

3.1 Committed to Die for Us

Listen for Jesus commitment

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Paul said we were powerless, helpless. What feelings or kinds of situations do you associate with being powerless?

⇒ That was our condition, our situation when Christ died to provide our salvation

How does Paul explain the difference between human love and God's love?

When might someone risk their life to protect someone who is important to them?

How does Christ's sacrifice contrast to the heroic acts of normal people?

What does this imply about God's love for us?

⇒ Jesus sacrificed his life for us when we were dirty, despicable *sinners*!!

How can this kind of love be reflected in our lives towards others around us?

3.2 Committed to Reconcile Us to God

Listen for how we are reconciled.

Romans 5:9-11 (NIV) Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Because we are justified, from what shall we be saved?

What does it mean to be reconciled to God? How would you explain it to an unbeliever?

How is peace with God different from peace of mind?

Peace of Mind	Peace with God

Consider the present and future rescue from sin in our lives.

- we are saved from the *penalty* of sin because He died in our place
- we are saved from the *power* of sin in our lives, given a new life, a new power at work in our lives
- eventually (in heaven) we will be rescued from the very *presence* of sin

3.3 Committed to Give Us Eternal Life

Listen for contrasts, parallels.

Romans 5:12, 18 - 21 (NIV) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-- ...18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.20 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What was the function of law in redemption?

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Christ's Commitment to Us

What is the result of sin?

What is the benefit of grace?

How can God justly judge us for Adam's sin?

How have you seen Adam's sin continue to affect all humanity?

What does it mean to you that where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more?

What is the connection between Christ's obedience and our righteousness?

How can knowing you are forgiven and righteous before God through Jesus Christ affect your attitudes and actions.

Application

Pray.

- If you never have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, do so now.
- Find someone you know who is a committed Christian and ask him or her to walk you through the steps of trusting in Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- You can also read the inside front cover of this book for help.

List.

- Pray and reflect on Christ's commitment to you.
- Ask yourself: "How am I living in light of Jesus' great commitment to me?"
- Write down some ways you can live differently because of His great gift to you.

Share.

- Share the love and commitment of Christ with someone this week who has never heard it.
- Pray that God would bring to your mind a name of someone who needs to hear the good news of the gospel.
- Make it a priority to share that good news with them.

Across

1. Christ _?_ for the ungodly
4. _?_ increased all the more
6. God _?_ His love for us
10. saved through His _?_
12. _?_ to Him through the death of His Son
14. while we were still _?_
15. _?_ entered the world through one man

Down

2. to bring _?_ life
3. at just the right _?_
5. _?_ brings life for all men
6. _?_ came to all men ... all sinned
7. when we were God's _?_
8. justified by His _?_
9. sin _?_ in death
10. The _?_ was added
11. result of one _?_ was condemnation
13. we also _?_ in God

So just remember that the clue phrases and words come from Romans 5:6-12,18-21 (NIV).

