

**Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**Class: Freshmen**

**Scripture Passage:** Matthew 1:21

**Lesson Theme:** Jesus's perfect life and death provide atonement for the sins of mankind. Because God is both just and loving and God chose to save some, it required that God's Son would come to earth and die. Jesus needed to live a perfect life and die in our place so that our debt could be paid, we could be in a relationship with God and we could be free from our bondage caused by sin.

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Why was it necessary for Jesus to die? Could he have saved us any other way?
- 2) Do you have attitudes that undermined the doctrine of atonement (such as judgmental attitudes)?
- 3) How does it feel that your most troubling sins were paid for by the atonement of Christ?

**Class: Sophomore**

**Scripture Passage:** Psalm 77:14; 1 Corinthians 15:14-17; Colossians 1:16

**Lesson Theme:** Miracles such as creation, Jonah, the incarnation of Jesus and Jesus's resurrection are touchstones of the Christian faith. A good definition of a miracle is "an event performed supernaturally, beyond the ability of the natural order." It is widely assumed in the culture, however, that miracles and science are somehow in conflict and that miracles should therefore be rejected. This assumption, though, is based on confusion between science and scientism (the idea that science is the only reliable source of knowledge about reality). Once we recognize the failure of scientism, we see there's no conflict between science and miracles.

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- 1) What are some other biblical examples of miracles?
- 2) How would you explain a miracle to someone who is a non-believer?
- 3) What are some reasons many people don't believe in miracles today?

**Class: Junior**

**Scripture Passage:** Psalm 51:14-17, 139:13-16; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Colossians 2:13-15

**Lesson Theme:** The sacredness of life is a fundamental principle of Christianity. We were created by God to live forever in fellowship with Him. When he formed us, he did so in a way that made parents sacrifice themselves for their children; however, abortion turns that example upside down and the children pay the consequences for the sins of the parents. However, with all sin, the Bible teaches God's grace for all those to repent.

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Think about some choices you have made and the values that they reflect. (Ex. By choosing.... I chose to value... over...)
- 2) Look at the Colossians passage. What happened to the decrees against us?
- 3) Why do you think so many people choose abortion in our culture today?

**Class: Senior**

**Lesson Theme:** The senior's have a panel of college students in their class and have the opportunity to ask any questions about college.



***Family Discussion Questions:***

- 1) What are some questions you had answers about college?
- 2) What questions do you still have about college?
- 3) What are some areas you need to grown in before college?

