

Title: Preparing Christ-Centered Lessons (pt.2)
Text: Luke 24.27
Theme: The Centrality of Christ in all things
Occasion: Children's Teacher Training Session (pt.2)

John 6 – Feeding of 5,000
John 9 – Healing of the blind man
Genesis 39-40
Exodus 2

What would you emphasize if you were simply teaching this moralistically?

- share your lunch
- pray before you eat

- be nice to blind people
- say nice things about people who help you, even if it causes a problem

What would you emphasize if you were teaching this principally?

- God can do more than we realize
- When you give God your gifts, he can use them in amazing ways
- When God provides there is plenty left over

- Jesus can do amazing things with mud
- Even blindness can be the occasion for great things

Four sets of questions to ask:

1. What do you know (i.e. what the Bible says) about yourself?
 - I am a sinner
 - I cannot save myself
 - I tend to be proud
 - I tend to be self-righteous
 - I like to blame others
 - I make excuses
 - I am slow to admit that I have a problem

2. What do you know about the world (environment, people around you, government, circumstances)?
 - It's a mess!
 - We cannot fix it
 - We need a King
 - People love to make promises
 - People want to believe those promises

- People will let you down
3. What do you know about Christ? (answer)
- Only one who can save
 - Dies for us
 - Perfect King
 - Perfect Prophet (tells you what you need to hear)
 - Perfect Priest (perfect advocate)
 - Lives forever
 - Provides all that you need
 - Trust Him perfectly
 - Shows us the Father
 - Tells us the truth
 - Forgives, heals, satisfies
4. Does this text help us see any of that?
- a. Are there any failures that reveal one's need?
 - b. Are there any attempts at fixing a problem?
 - c. Are there any excuses that are given?
 - d. Is there any cover-up going on?
 - e. by revealing the story of redemption
 - f. by telling us promises of God made
 - g. by showing us promises of God kept
 - h. by showing us a type of Christ
 - i. by giving us an analogy of the gospel
 - j. by revealing to us our need
 - k. by showing the futility of trying to fix things all on our own

Now, how would you teach:

John 6 – Feeding the 5,000

John 9 – The Blind Man

Genesis 39-40