



Small Group Discussion Guide

June 25, 2017

Sermon Title:

"God's Plan of Salvation"

Sermon Text: John 3:1-7

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: When do you remember first hearing about the plan of salvation? Share a brief testimony about when you trusted Jesus as your Savior and gave Him your heart.

Discussion:

1. To whom was Jesus speaking when he spoke the words within our sermon text? What position of leadership did this man occupy?
2. At what time did this man come to Jesus? Why do you think he did so?
3. What was Jesus' first words to him? (Vs.3) What absolute requirement did Jesus lay down in order for a person to 'see the kingdom of God.'?
4. What question did Nicodemus ask that suggested he took Jesus literally? (Vs.4) Are we ever guilty of using language around the church that does not really make something clear in how we do it or what we mean? (This is often referred to as "the language of Zion".... Meaning we use terms around church that make sense to us, but an un-churched person may not understand it. (Can you think of any phrases you might use?)
5. As the Pastor explained the plan of salvation, he used a "salvation bracelet" as a word picture. Do you remember the colors of all the beads used? Here they are. What do each represent? Look up each of the reference scriptures.
 - *Black.... _____. (Romans 3:10,23)
 - *Red.... _____. (1 John 1:6,7)
 - *White... _____. (1 John 7, Isaiah 1:18)
 - *Blue... _____. (Matthew 3:13-15)
 - *Green... _____. (2 Peter 3:18)
 - *Gold... _____. (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Closing: *Close by sharing pray requests. Praying for one other and each other's families. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!***