

“Teaching Christ in Family Worship”; Session # 8 on Family Worship,
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in the Adult Sunday School.

IV. Teach them that Christ can be found in all of the Scriptures, Old Testament and New.

Luke 24: 27 – “And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” This is what our Lord did with the 2 on the road to Emmaus. Their reaction is found in verse 32 – “And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He opened the Scriptures to us?’” Even so, this is the way to warm the hearts of your children to looking for Christ in all of the Scriptures. Remember to explain the gospel to your younger children and unsaved older children regularly in family worship, in order that they might be saved, and that they might be taught to cultivate a relationship with the Savior.

V. Teach your children that Christ will spiritually touch and change their hearts, as they receive Him by faith and learn to walk with Him by faith after they have first trusted in Him.

a. Tell them that it is right to come to Christ for salvation, even as a little child. Do not forbid them coming to Christ, or hinder them from coming by simple faith to Him.

Luke 18: 15-17. “Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.” “But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.” “Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

Matthew 18: 1-5 – “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” “Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” “Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

b. Show them the absolute necessity of conversion if they would understand spiritual things and enter the kingdom of heaven. This requires both humbling oneself and believing in Christ’s finished work on the cross.

Matthew 19: 13-15 – “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.” “But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” “And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.”

c. Explain to them that conversion to Christ is trusting that Christ has done all that is necessary to merit favor with God, for them. They cannot add any of their good works or good intentions, or their determination to do what is right at all times, or what they think might be pleasing to God. God cannot accept anything short of perfection. And perfection is not found in any person except the Lord Jesus. It is trusting in Christ alone which brings salvation and the necessary grace to do and keep any of God’s commandments from the right motivation, which is to glorify God by having faith in Christ. Because of Christ’s perfect work of obedience and sacrifice at the

cross, they will be accepted by God, and their pursuing righteousness and doing good works will be accepted and acceptable through the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4: 5-8

d. Show them that living the Christian life is a walk of faith and obedience to God's word. Colossians 2: 6 and 7. Colossians 3: 1-5 Ephesians 4: 1 Ephesians 5: 1-13

VI. Teach your children that singing to the Lord is an integral part of your family worship.

James 5: 13 Matthew 26: 30 Ephesians 5: 19 Colossians 3: 16