

Mid-Atlantic Gospel Camp

Week 4: Where Are You? — In the Kingdom of God, the Church!

(This material is meant as an aid to parents and serving ones. It is not meant to be covered during the Mid-Week Gathering with the 6th graders.)

Dear Saints: This is the fourth and final week of the Gospel Camp. We will have children at different stages: some have been saved and are regenerated, while others have not received the Lord yet. So our burden is two-fold:

- 1) For those children that are saved, this week's Mid-Week Gathering and Saturday's message will confirm their salvation, strengthen them, and give them a healthy and proper start in their life with Christ.
- 2) For those not saved yet, we hope this reading will be an encouragement to be saved based on the facts in the Bible: if they believe, if they call, then they *are* saved. However, there is no need to force the issue; look to the Lord for His leading and timing. Before and after the Mid-Week Gathering, pray together (parents with serving ones) that the children will choose to be regenerated children of God and members of His kingdom.

Let us use the fourth week of the Gospel Camp in the following manner:

- During the Mid-Week Gathering in the week of June 22-26, we want the children to know that God has included joy, forgiveness, regeneration, and becoming a child of God with their salvation. For those who are not yet saved, and for those who are not sure they are saved in their feelings, the second section should be useful to confirm their salvation by virtue of the Word of God. The concluding portion encourages them to receive spiritual nourishment and life in His Word in a regular way.
- During Message 4 on Saturday, June 27, we want to children to see that after salvation, they need to confess and declare the Lord to others as a matter of testimony. Also, they need to realize they are members of God's kingdom, with a kingdom life that needs to be exercised and lived out. Toward the end of the message, we would like to have a time for some children and YP helpers to share their salvation experience. This will help to affirm those saved, and encourage those not yet saved. We also plan to have a few YP helpers and/or serving ones encourage the 6th graders to attend their local YP meetings and Summer School of Truth.

Burdens

These are the burdens we sense from the Lord for this fourth week:

- That the children would see and experience joy and know the significance of their salvation.
- As this salvation is guaranteed, no matter how they feel (despite any doubts and lies from Satan), this salvation is assured and unshakeable.
- The Bible is their spiritual food and nourishment, so a healthy habit of reading the Bible is essential for their Christian life.
- After salvation, they are immediately qualified to confess and declare the Lord to others, because they have experienced it. They should not wait until they are older.
- The children are not just saved from their sins, but they are also saved into God's kingdom, so they need to live the church life for the kingdom life.

Reading materials

The reading material for the Mid-Week Gathering comes from two places:

- The excerpts about the joy, significance, and proofs of salvation are from the ministry.
- The excerpt about feeding on God's Word as spiritual food is from blog.biblesforamerica.org

During the Mid-Week Gathering, do not feel that you have to finish the entire passage. Follow the Lord's leading and emphasize the part that resonates most with the children.

Songs

We plan to sing 2 songs for Message 4 (Saturday):

- Hymn 309 (What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought), stanzas 1-3
- Hymn 1333 (What a happy day)

Key verses

- **Psalm 51:12** Restore to me the gladness of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.
- **Romans 10:13** For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become children of God, to those who believe in His name
- **1 Peter 2:2** As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation.
- **Romans 10:10** For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation.
- **Matthew 10:32** Everyone therefore who will confess in Me before men, I also will confess in him before My Father who is in the heavens.
- **Hebrews 10:25** Not abandoning our own assembling together, as the custom with some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day drawing near.
- **2 Timothy 2:22** But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.