

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
August 8, 2010

Simply Saved 2
The ABC's of Salvation: Believe
Romans 10:1-4

1. What are some urban legends that you believed at one time? What caused you to believe them? What caused you to change what you believed about them? Have you ever watched the TV show, Mythbusters? Why is it a popular show?
2. Read Romans 1:16. Why is the power of God necessary to save us? How has the power of God impacted your life? How does belief relate to the power of God?
3. Read Romans 10:1. Do you have a heart desire for someone to be saved? How intense is it? Why is it there? Who is it for (an individual, family, nation, people group, religious group, etc.)
4. Read Roman 10:2-4. How have you had a zeal for God that is not according to knowledge? What does that look like? Does it look any different than genuine zeal for God? What knowledge does a person have to have in order to be saved? How does self-made righteousness keep someone ignorant of the righteousness of God.
5. Read Galatians 3:16. What is the relationship between justification and faith? Discuss the follow definition of Justification. *Justification is a legal act of God toward the believing sinner in which he thinks of his sin as forgiven and Christ's perfect righteousness belonging to those who believe.*
 - a. *It is a legal verdict that takes place in the courtroom of God, not in the sinner's heart.*
 - b. *It is an instantaneous change in the sinner's legal standing before God, not a gradual transformation.*
 - c. *It is the beginning of the process of sanctification that refines the moral character and outward behavior.*

Is this doctrine taught in most churches? Why or why not? How could this foundational doctrine change the way we view salvation? Why is it important not to confuse justification with sanctification?

6. Read James 2:17-20. The bible teaches that those who claim to have a faith that is not accompanied by works have a dead faith that cannot save. What works give evidence that a person's faith is real? Do your works give credible evidence that your faith is real? Is it true that if your faith hasn't changed you your faith hasn't saved you?
7. Read. John 2:23-25. Why did Jesus not entrust himself to those who claimed to believe? How is it possible for people to be so close to Jesus and yet never be saved?
8. Read John 3:16-18. What is promised to all who will genuinely believe the gospel? What is promised to those who will not believe?

9. The bible teaches us that salvation is a one-time act. But it also teaches that many will cling to a faith that cannot save. If you are discovering that your faith is not sufficient for salvation, get real! Admit you need a real salvation. Believe the gospel and give credible evidence of repentance. Tell someone in your group about your new faith!