

THE CASE FOR CHRIST (April 9, 2017)

Embrace the Truth of Christ

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: What do you enjoy most about Easter?

- ❖ Many people acknowledge that following Christ would be the best way to live but stop short of acting on this belief, why do you think that is?
 - ✓ In the message on Sunday, you heard of Templeton and Graham who took two different paths...have you any friends like this? What happened?
 - ✓ How might a marriage relationship suffer when one spouse has a dynamic relationship with Christ and the other is not a believer? What advice might you give?

1. The Way Home. (John 14:1-6)

- ✓ What would have been creating some anxiety among the disciples?
- ✓ Jesus talked about “his Father’s home.” What was your home like growing up?
- ✓ What are you looking forward to most when you arrive at “your Father’s home?”
- ✓ What are some reasons Jesus is the only way to Heaven? (1 Timothy 2:5-6, 1 Peter 3:18)

2. The Path to Heaven. (John 1:12)

A. Believe – what do we need to believe?

- ✓ Romans 3:23 – Everyone sins, is it really that big of a deal? What makes you think this?
- ✓ Romans 5:8 – What would you say to someone who says they are not worthy of God’s love?

B. Receive – receive what, how?

- ✓ Explain; all other religions are based on “do” but Christianity on “done.”
- ✓ What are some things people do to try to improve their status before God?

C. Become – what do we become?

- ✓ Isn’t everyone a child of God? Explain.
- ✓ Read 1 John 3:1 – what amazing truth do you see here?
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 5:17 says we become what? What changed when you put your trust in Christ and received Him as your Lord and Savior?

CLOSE: Salvation formula: Believe + Receive – Become

- ✓ Have you ever helped someone cross over the line of faith?
- ✓ What truth encourages you most about this lesson?
- ✓ What one action will you implement because of this lesson?