

# EMBARK | WEEK 3 - BELIEVE - SALVATION BY FAITH

## REVIEW LAST WEEK'S THEME

Jesus' Identity: *"Who Do You Say I Am?"*

### Scripture: Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

### Opening Reflection:

Would anyone like to share something from their journaling last week?

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: SALVATION BY FAITH

### KEY SCRIPTURE: JOHN 3:16 (NIV)

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

## BIG IDEA

Salvation is a free gift received through faith in Jesus, not something we earn. When we believe, we can live with the full assurance of God's love, forgiveness, and eternal life.

## DISCUSS

- How good do you have to be to earn salvation?
- Does God judge us in comparison to other people?
- What's the big deal with sin?

## PERSONAL STORY

## TEACHING VIDEO

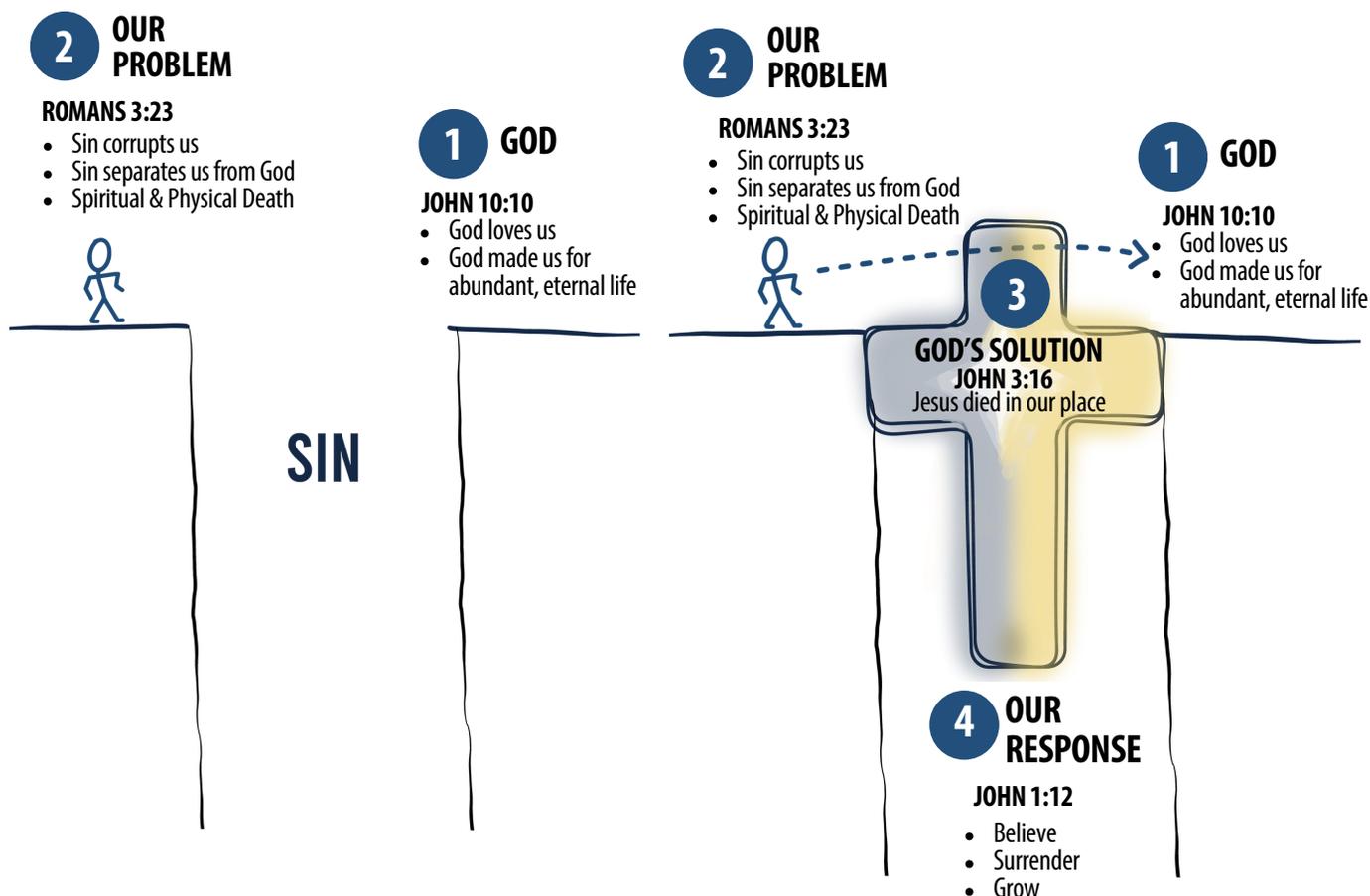
## VIDEO RECAP & GROUP DISCUSSION

### Main Question:

How can I have a relationship with God and receive eternal life in heaven?

### The Gospel Message:

- **God and Heaven** are absolutely perfect.
- **We are sinful** and deserving of punishment and are in need of a Savior.
  - James 2:10 - "Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."
- **Jesus lived a sinless life** and died as the punishment for our sin.
- **Repenting** of our sin and **believing in Jesus**—His life, death, and resurrection—allows us to enter the perfection of heaven.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
- **How do we receive salvation?**
  - By **faith**, not by good deeds.
  - At the moment we genuinely **believe**, we are saved and receive all the benefits and authority as **children of God**.



*When I trust that Jesus is God, who died in my place and rose from the dead, I am graciously rescued from sin, filled with the Holy Spirit, and receive eternal life as a child of God.*

## ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

- Many people believe they are saved because they've "felt God," done good works, or attended church. How is Salvation by Faith different from those ideas?
- Have you ever tried to earn God's love or salvation?
- How does being saved by grace affect the way you view God and yourself?

## SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Look up at least 4 of the Scriptures listed below in your Bible for full context. Note what each teaches about salvation through Jesus.

- **Romans 3:23** - All have sinned and fall short.
- **Romans 6:23** - The wages of sin is death, but God's gift is eternal life.
- **Romans 5:8** - Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** - Salvation is a gift, not by works.
- **Romans 10:9** - Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth.
- **John 1:12** - All who receive Him become children of God.
- **John 3:16** - God's love and sacrifice.
- **Romans 8:38-39** - Nothing can separate us from God's love.

## ACTION STEP

Reflect on what the Scriptures listed above teach about salvation. Use the journaling prompts and consider if you've truly trusted Jesus alone for salvation and how your life reflects your beliefs.



