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SHARING THE GOSPEL
REVIEW

What is needed to ensure the message of Christ?

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God
2. Jesus Christ died for the sins of man
3. Confession of sins is accomplished through Jesus Christ
4. Through faith I can receive the gift of salvation

HONORING THE CROSS AND OUR CHRIST

LESSON OBJECTIVE:

To discover how the work of the cross impacts my stewardship unto God.

GOALS:

For students to examine their contributions to build the Kingdom of God.

DEFINITIONS

Cross of Christ: The **Cross** is love. **Christ** died for sinners. He died for people who had lost their way. He did not die because it was forced upon him. It was a choice.

Christian Stewardship: A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care.

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We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything he owns as his stewards, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to his desires and purposes.

Impact: Come into forcible contact with another object; have a strong effect on someone or something.

The Work of Christ is His
Demonstrated love for mankind

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. (John 3:16)

Where do you see God's love in the text?

The Work of Christ
He died for sinners who had lost their way

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

In what way had man lost their way?

*"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
(1 Peter 2:24-25)*

The work of the cross is where all wounds of sins are healed! (How?)

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THE WORK OF THE CROSS

Accomplished:

1. Christ bearing our sins (Isaiah 53:12)

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

2. Deliverance of the penalty of sin.
3. Deliverance of the power of sin.

What's in place now to counteract sin?

The Impact

The Work that the Cross has on Sin

1. The power of sin caused us to stray continually as sheep.
2. The power of sin required death and new life for deliverance.
3. The power of sin requires the ongoing care from our great shepherd and overseer.

**Take a few moments to think about the power of sin and
its effect on your life!**

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**THE INVITATION TO MAN FROM THE CROSS
To be delivered from the penalty and the power of sin
we must turn to Christ.**

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
(Romans 10:9)*

**HOW DO WE CONNECT THE CROSS WITH OUR COMMITMENT OF
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?**

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**HOW DO WE PROMOTE THE GOSPEL IN REFERENCE
TO THE WORK OF THE CROSS**

Gospel:

The teaching or revelation of Christ, the record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 Peter 2:21-25 New International Version (NIV)

²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

Various Laws

²²If someone guilty of a capital offense is put to death and their body is exposed on a pole,

²³you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God’s curse. You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

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Galatians 3:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

Isaiah 53 New International Version (NIV)

53 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation

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protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD make¹ his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:9 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Romans 6:6-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

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Romans 6:10:11 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 2:20 New International Version (NIV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Colossians 3:1-5 New International Version (NIV)

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

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1 Peter 5:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

To the Elders and the Flock

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

Acts 20:28 New International Version (NIV)

28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Psalms 80:17-19 New International Version (NIV)

17 Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

18 Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

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Jeremiah 24:7 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Isaiah 55:7 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.