

How Can I Be a Friend to Jesus?

Lesson 10

Introduction:

- A. As we come to the close of this series of classes, I hope we can say with confidence what Solomon wrote:

The end of a thing *is* better than its beginning (Ecclesiastes 7:8).

- B. In this final session, let us:

1. Reflect and review.
2. Apply.
3. Evaluate.
4. Finish.

- C. Jesus is my Friend; how can I be a friend to Him?

I. BY OBEYING HIM.

“You are My friends if you do whatever I command you (John 15:14).

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*” And he was called the friend of God (James 2:21-23).

II. BY BEFRIENDING HIS FRIENDS. Matthew 25:34-40

III. BY IMITATING HIS ATTRIBUTES OF FRIENDSHIP.

A. He understands me.

1. How can I understand Him?
2. How can I understand others?
3. How can I understand myself?
 - a. When tired?
 - b. When lonely?
 - c. When tempted?
 - d. When happy?
 - e. When sad?

B. He loves me all the time, even when I have problems.

1. How can I love Jesus all the time?
2. How can I love others all the time, even when they treat me and others wrong?
3. How can I love myself all the time, even when I make mistakes?

C. He tells me the truth.

1. How can I tell Jesus the truth and when should I tell Him the truth?
2. How can I improve my truthfulness with others?
3. How can I improve my truthfulness with myself?

D. He is willing to help and serve me.

1. How can I help and serve Jesus?
2. How can I help and serve others?
3. How can I ask and receive the help and service I need from others?

E. He brings out the best in me and challenges me to grow.

1. How can I respond to Jesus and follow Him in growing?
2. How can I help others to grow spiritually?
3. How can I encourage myself to grow?

But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

Conclusion:

- A. What was helpful in this class?
- B. How can this class be improved?
- C. What needs to be discussed that we haven't discussed?
- D. How do you want to say, "Good-bye"?