

Riverview Baptist Church
Sunday School Teaching Plan
August 10, 2014
Acts 1:8
"Sharing the Gospel with the Roman Road"

Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV

The Big Idea:

Sermon Scripture: The sermon will be an expository sermon on Acts 1:8.
ESS: We are to be witnesses throughout the world, starting with where we live and moving out from there through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday School Scripture: Acts 1:8
Sunday School Title: "Sharing the Gospel with the Roman Road"
ESS: One way to share the gospel is to use the Scriptures in the Roman Road.

- Did you have a chance to work on your personal testimony this week?
- Did you have an opportunity to share your testimony with someone?

This week is the second in a series that Pastor Jamey will preach on evangelism and missions. During the next few weeks, the sermons will teach us WHY it's important to share our faith, and the Sunday School lessons will teach us HOW to share our faith. Today's sermon will be on Acts 1:8.

READ: Acts 1:8

After his resurrection but before returning to the Father, Jesus gives the disciples these important marching orders. Their purpose in life is to be his witnesses. To tell others of the things they have seen, heard, and learned from the Savior. And we have the same marching orders today! In this series of lessons, we're learning a few practical ways to fulfill our marching orders. Last week we learned how to craft a personal testimony. This week, we'll learn how to share the gospel with someone using the Roman Road.

There are 4 verses we are going to read, discuss, and highlight today. To start, please open to the front cover of your Bible (or to the first blank page). Inside the cover, write "Romans 3:23" with a pen. This is the first verse of the Roman Road. Writing this reference in the front of your Bible allows you to be instantly ready to begin the Roman Road whenever you need it. Now turn to Romans 3:23. For each verse in the Roman Road, we will do several things:

- Highlight the verse in your Bible so it's easy to find
- Underline a key word or two to guide your discussion
- Make a note close to that verse with the NEXT verse reference

THE ROMAN ROAD

1. **Romans 3:23** (*Highlight this verse in your Bible. Underline the word SINNED.*)

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

We have all sinned. We have all done things that are displeasing to God. There is no one who is innocent.
(Now write ROMANS 6:23 in the margin close by)

2. Romans 6:23 (Highlight this verse in your Bible. Underline the words **WAGES** and **GIFT**.)

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The punishment (wages) that we have earned for our sins is death. Not just physical death, but eternal death and separation from God! BUT – praise God for the free gift of eternal life He offers us through Jesus!

(Now write ROMANS 5:8 in the margin close by)

3. Romans 5:8 (Highlight this verse in your Bible. Underline the words **CHRIST DIED FOR US**.)

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus Christ died for us! Jesus' death paid for the price of our sins.

(Now write ROMANS 10:9 in the margin close by)

4. Romans 10:9 (Highlight this verse in your Bible. Underline the words **CONFESS, JESUS AS LORD, BELIEVE, & YOU WILL BE SAVED**.)

Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Salvation and the forgiveness of sins is available to anyone who will trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. To be saved, we must confess our belief in Him and express our willingness to surrender control and let God sit in the driver's seat of our lives.

(Now write PRAY? in the margin close by)

When you're done sharing the gospel using the Roman Road with someone, say: Would you like to follow the Roman Road to salvation? If so, here is a simple prayer you can pray to God. Saying this prayer is a way to declare to God that you are relying on Jesus Christ for your salvation. The words themselves will not save you. Only faith in Jesus Christ can provide salvation!

"God, I know that I have sinned against you and am deserving of punishment. But Jesus Christ took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in Him I could be forgiven. With your help, I place my trust in You for salvation. Thank You for Your wonderful grace and forgiveness - the gift of eternal life!

Amen!"

Apply:

This week, highlight and label the Roman Road in the Bible you will keep with you most often. This will give you an accessible, easy-to-use tool for sharing the gospel wherever you go! Once you have it labeled, explain the Roman Road to a fellow believer (a friend, family member, Christian co-worker, etc). Show him/her how to label his/her own Bible! Now that you've had plenty of practice, pray that God would give you the opportunity to share the Roman Road with an unbeliever this week!