The Word Saves

Bible Background: John 12:27-50 Printed Text: John 12:44-50 KJV/NLT Devotional Reading: John 5:19-24

Aim for Change (Page 539):

- 1. **RECOGNIZE** that **Jesus is God**
- 2. **DESIRE** a closer relationship with God through choosing to follow Christ
- 3. **SHARE** with others the opportunity to come into *the light of Christ*

In Focus (Page 539):

- 1. What miracles or divine opportunities are you missing out on because you are rejecting the directions of the Lord? *Tuesday: Hebrews 2:1-9*
- 2. Who might come to know Jesus if you say YES?

The People, Places, and Times (Page 541):

- The Trinity
 - a. Father relates to Son; Son relates to Father; The Spirit relates to Father and Son Genesis 1:26; 3:22; Isaiah 6:3,8; 9:6; 42:1; 48:16

Background (Pages 541):

- 1. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, but scared to confess because you want to look a certain kind of way in the world? *Bible Background: John 12:37-43*
- 2. Are you so set in *your* ways that you can't understand the direction God gives? 1 Samuel 15:23; Psalm 78:7-8

In Depth (Pages 542-543)

- 1. Believing and Seeing Jesus (John 12:44-45)
 - a. How much have you limited God's power from working in your life because you could not see or believe in Him? *John 8:23-24*
 - b. Do you want to keep breaking God's heart by not believing, caused by doubt, fear, tribulations, or just worldly distractions? *Matthew 14:22-33*
- 2. Jesus Is Light in Darkness (John 12:46)
 - a. In what areas of your life does darkness permeate, and the light of Christ need to dwell? *John 1:4-5*
 - b. Have you adjusted yourself to the darkness, you can walk as if you've seen the Light? -1 *John 1:5-10*
- 3. Jesus the Rejected Savior (John 12:47-48)
 - a. Do you have a loved one that is rejecting Jesus as the Savior? Luke 11:23
 - b. What steps can you take to help them see and believe in Jesus? 1 Peter 2:21-24
 - c. Are you and your actions deterring them from accepting Christ? *Ephesians 5:1-2*
 - d. What side of salvation do you belong?
- 4. Jesus Speaks as the Father Speaks (John 12:49-50)
 - a. How has God commanded you to share the Gospel of salvation? Romans 1:16-19
 - b. Have you followed the command? *Matthew 28:19-20*

Discuss the Meaning (Page 543):

- 1. Do you remember how desperately you needed a Savior? *Ephesians 2:1-3*
- 2. When was the last time you shared your testimony of salvation?

^{**}Note - Bold/Italicized scriptures are additional scriptural reference; Some will be read during class**

^{**}Note - Page references are out of the Precepts for Living w/Commentary 2021-2022**