

CORE—NEW Lesson 8 (2025-26 edition) Facilitator's Guide:

The Salvation I Celebrate—How to Live Saved & Help Others Live Saved
For Bible Classes, Small Groups, Family Studies, & Individual Studies

Aim: To help your audience know what it means to be lost or saved, how to become saved, live saved, and help others find salvation.

Key Bible Verse: Rom 13:11b—"For **salvation** is nearer to us now than when we first believed."

Bible Class Welcome & Prayer (3-4 minutes)

- **Review** the purpose of CORE (to know, live, & share the Christian Faith) & discuss progress so far in personal, family, & class goals.
- **Ice Breaker:** When was the last time you lost something? Have you ever had your life saved or saved someone else's life? Or when was the last time you played hide/seek, and how did it go?

Discussion—Saved vs. Lost (about 30-35 minutes)

1. **Defining 'Lost' vs. 'Saved' (5-10 mins):** Ask for 5-7 examples of what it means when we say someone is 'saved' or 'lost'? Write the answers on the board. You might phrase it like this:
 - Fill in the blank—"We are saved FROM _____" (e.g. sin, death, hell, guilt, shame, depression, disease, darkness).
 - Fill in the blank—"We are/have lost _____" (e.g. our way, peace, salvation, hope, Jesus, God, ourselves, relationships, etc.)
 - Ask for Bible verses, stories, or characters in the Bible that support these concepts.
2. **Being Among the Saved (5-10 mins):** Discuss the process of salvation—understanding and believing the gospel, repenting, confessing, being baptized, living faithfully. Have everyone share verses associated with each step of the process. How do you share the process of salvation?
3. **Saved For What? (5-7 mins):** Ask for 5-7 examples of what we are saved for/to do and what it looks like practically. Write the answers on the board. You might phrase it like this:
 - Fill in the blank—"We are saved FOR/TO _____" (e.g. do good works, for God's glory, to go to heaven, to live a Christian life, to serve/save others, etc.).
 - Ask for Bible verses, stories, or characters in the Bible that support these concepts.
 - Extra prompt: What does it look like practically when someone is living "saved" vs. living "lost"? What are they doing/not doing? (e.g. avoiding evil, doing good works).
4. **Nearer to Salvation (5-7 mins):** What does it mean in Rom 13:11b that our **salvation** is "nearer today than when we first believed"? Do you feel like this? How could we feel more like this? Write on board.
 - Extra prompt: How can we help the lost get found, the saved live saved, and celebrate our progress in these areas?

Going Deeper Homework—B.A.T. Challenge for the Month:

- **Believe** – Study the scriptures to determine what you believe is entailed in being saved or lost. What are we saved from, what are we being saved for, and how is one saved?
- **Act** – Share your conclusions with others at College Church, and live it out.
- **Teach** –Share your study with those not at College Church, and let them share their conclusions with you. Post your findings on the College Church App on the "CORE Discussion" page to encourage others.

12 Spiritual Disciplines Challenge (Try to complete all 12 by the end of the 12 month study of CORE):

1. **Write a Letter to God:** Express your heart's deepest thoughts to your creator and Lord in writing.
2. **Play with Others:** Have fun with family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances as service to God.
3. **Hospitality:** Use your home, money, resources, or time to care for someone else's needs.
4. **Sabbath Keeping:** Choose a day to break from your regular routine. Prepare ahead of time and make sure that others can sabbath with you.
5. **Submission to God:** Submit to the Word of God in a specific area where you have been resisting him.
6. **Pray for the Success of a Competitor:** Seek God on behalf of someone with whom you don't always see eye-to-eye.
7. **Secret Service:** Do good for someone without drawing attention to your act.
8. **Deaccumulation:** Get rid of something that you do not need or something you value as a gift for another.
9. **No Gossip Day:** Do not spread true or false information about others that ought not be shared.
10. **Fast:** Give up a meal, social media, or even speaking for a day to devote more time to God and others.
11. **Worship:** Spend time in extended prayer, singing, reading/memorizing scripture, meditation with God.
12. **Custom Discipline:** Choose your own spiritual discipline to observe alone or with others for a set time.

Complete & Take a Picture of Page 32 in the CORE notebook, then take a pic to share with the "CORE Leaders Group" on the CC App.