SO WHAT

- According to the Apostle Paul, what did God give us (2 Corinthians 5:18,19)?
- Because Christ identified Himself with us, what is one of the many things that we could gain from this (Hebrews 2:18)? Also, in what way is He different from us (Hebrews 4:15)?
- What can we learn from God's goodness (Matthew 5:44,45)?

NOW WHAT

- Have you tried helping someone grow in the faith? Ask your Victory group leader to guide you as you follow someone up and allot a schedule for it.
- Stand in prayer with someone in your Victory group who is discouraged and in need of strength.
- How can you become a blessing to someone this week?

PRAYER

- Pray that God will open a door for you to preach the gospel either in your family, school, or workplace.
- Ask God to use you to encourage a dejected person this week.
- Believe God to open your heart to be sensitive to those who are needy around you. Be quick to respond with generosity and genuine care.

VICTORY

Copyright © 2013
Permission to photocopy this material from Victory®
is granted for local church use. This is not for sale.
victory.org.ph

WEEK 1

HIStory

NOTES

CONNECT

- Who is the nicest person you know? Why do you think so?
- How do you sympathize with someone who suffers (someone who is grieving, sick, or a victim of a calamity, etc.)? Describe briefly.
- What for you was the best birthday gift you have ever received? Why?

WORD

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . . 16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. JOHN 1:14,16

WHAT

Other beliefs teach that man has to do good works to reach out to and appease their gods. Biblical faith teaches that our God is gracious from beginning to end. He is the One who took the initiative to reach out to us, identify Himself with us, and continues to bless us.

1 God reached out to us.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . 14 The Word became flesh . . . JOHN 1:1,14

We are all guilty of rebellion against God (Romans 3:10-18) and deserve His wrath (Ephesians 2:3). In short, He did not have to save us. Yet, Jesus still came to the world, revealed the Father to us (Hebrews 1:1,2), and died for us on the cross (Romans 5:8). His resurrection capped the work of justifying us from our sins (Romans 4:25). Personally, how do you think God continues to reach out to you?

2 God identified Himself with us.

. . . and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. JOHN 1:14

Jesus is one hundred percent God and one hundred percent man (Philippians 2:7). Despite His stature, Jesus chose to identify with us in His humanity—our High Priest who is well acquainted with all that we go through (Hebrews 4:15) but remained to be blameless. What does this truth mean to you? How will this help you approach Jesus?

3 God gives one blessing after another.

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. JOHN 1:16

The greatest gift and expression of God's grace is salvation. This is the reason why we can believe that more blessings will be given to us. Do you need healing? God can and will heal! Do you need peace in your relationships? He will graciously give that, too! What does Romans 8:32 assure us of?