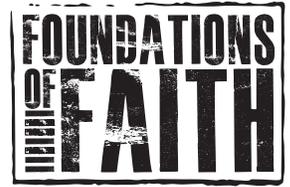


Lesson #2: Supplement



Four Calls to share the gospel

Call from Above: *Because we love God, we want to obey His commands. God commands us to make His love known to others. One way you can show your love is to share the gospel with others. God commands us all to tell others how to come back to Him. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15)*

Call from Below: *All who die without knowing Jesus are in hell. The Bible (Luke 16:19-28) tells the story of a rich man who died and went to hell. From hell he could see a poor man and another man in heaven. He asked them to bring water to him to ease his anguish. They said they could not. He was in so much pain that he called out again, begging them to send someone to warn his living family members not to go to hell. What do you think those who are dead relatives of the people that you know would say to you? [To go share the good news with their family.] When we love God, we obey the call from above to share the gospel. When we love others, we obey the call from below.*

Call from Outside: *In the Bible there is a story about a follower of Jesus named Paul who had a dream. In his dream a man that didn't know God was calling Paul to come tell them the Good News. Paul obeyed his dream and went and told them and many people were saved (Acts 16:9,10). People who don't know Jesus all need the gospel, whether they know it or not. When we encounter such people, God wants us to remember that their souls are calling to us to share with them.*

Call from Inside: *In Corinthians 9:16, Paul said, "I am compelled to preach the gospel. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel." When we receive Christ into our lives we receive his burden to seek and save the lost. The Holy Spirit inside of us convicts and compels us to share. Have you ever felt this burden for those that don't know Jesus?]*