

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: Faith shows we accept God's gift.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Hebrews 11:1-6
Romans 1
Romans 3
Romans 5
James 2:14-24
Romans 2
Romans 4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 1:1-7

What is Paul's mission?
What is the relationship between obedience and faith?
How would you define faith?
(See Hebrews 11 and James 2 for more on faith.)
What do you do everyday based on faith?
Faith in what or who?

Romans 3:21-31

State these definitions in your own words and insert them into the passage when you read it.

Faith – trust in God that results in obedient action

Justify – to be put in the right with God

Atonement – the merciful payment for our sins

Redemption – release from captivity
by the payment of a ransom (atonement)

What do all people share in common?
What misunderstanding is Paul trying to correct?
From this passage of scripture what is necessary for us to have a relationship with God?
If you are really honest with yourself, what or who do you rely on?
What is happening in your life that shows that you trust Jesus?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His grace.
Agree with God about those things you trust more than you trust Him.
Thank God for the times in your life when He has shown that He is faithful.
Ask God to strengthen your faith and draw you closer to Him.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ROMANS 6:23

How do we get eternal life?

Can you earn it?

What was the best gift you ever got?

Who gave it to you?

Why was it given to you?

Give each other a gift.

READ HEBREWS 4:2

How do we accept God's gift?

Look up the word "HEED" in the dictionary.

What's the difference between "hearing" and "heeding"?

Is it harder to hear or to heed?

Play "simon says".

Tell about a time when you heard, but didn't heed.

Practice looking at each other when you are talking and listening.

READ HEBREWS 11:6

What is faith?

Talk about and demonstrate some things that take faith.

Blindfold someone and then ask them to follow your directions.

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE FAITH?

READ MATTHEW 10:32-33

What have you said about Jesus in front of others?

READ MATTHEW 16:13-16

Can you say this with Peter?

READ ROMANS 10:9-11

What does your heart say about God?

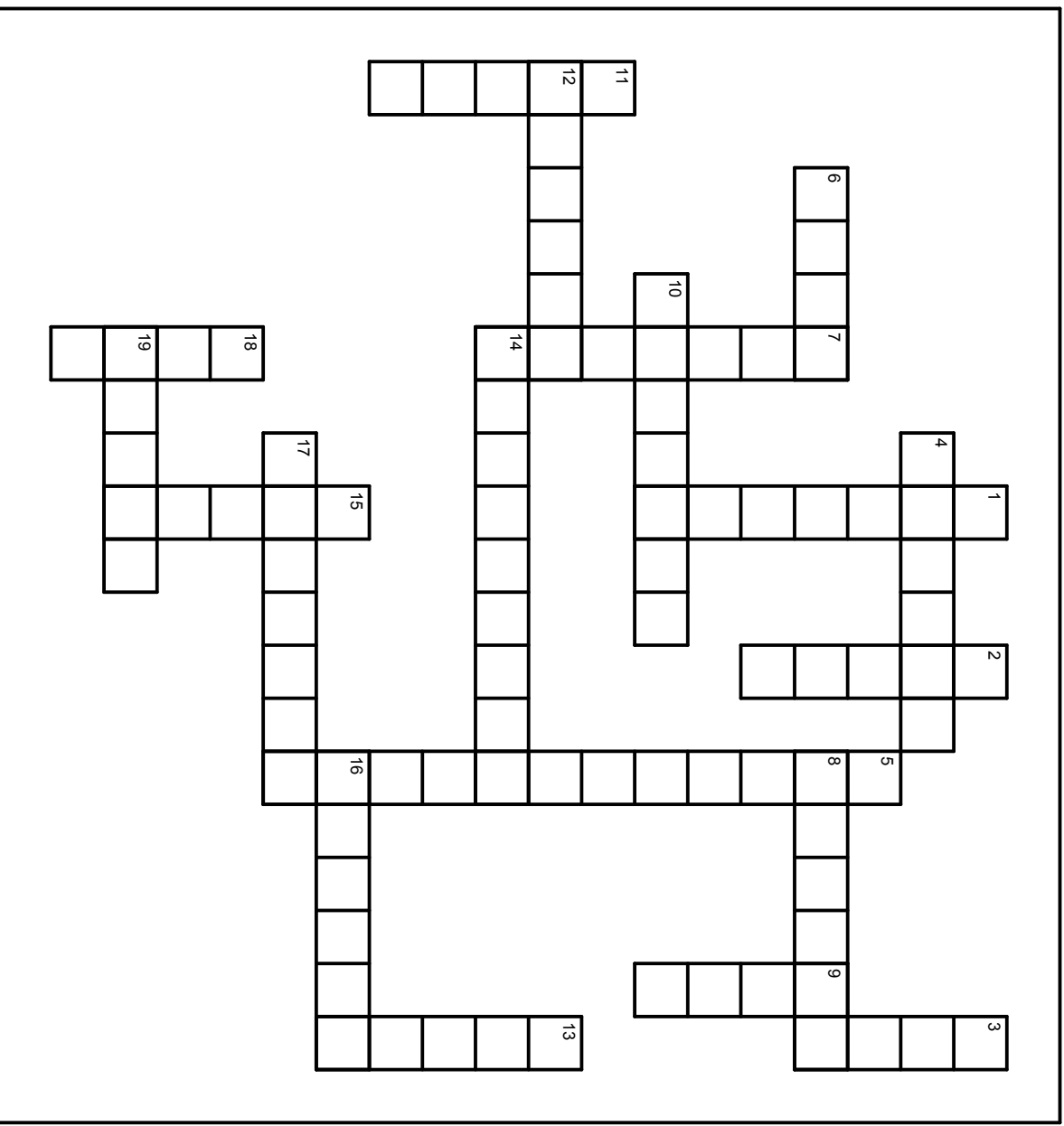
READ JAMES 2:17

What is happening in your life that shows that you trust Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE:

_____ did many other _____
in the _____ of his _____,
which are not _____ in this _____.
But these are _____ that _____ may _____
that _____ is the _____, the _____ of _____,
and that by _____ you may have _____ in His _____.
John 20:30-31

FAITH BRINGS LIFE



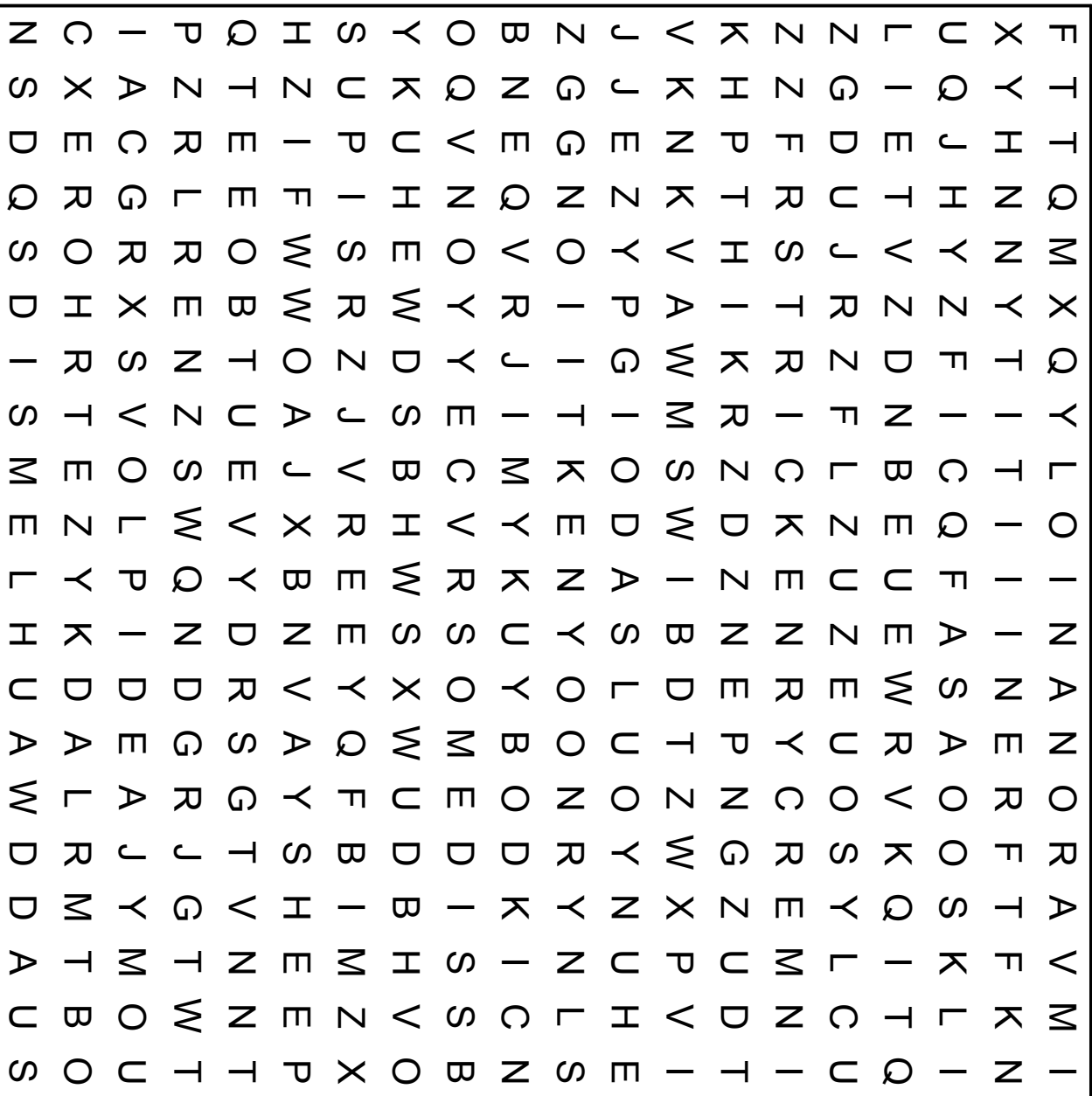
Across

4. good news (Hebrews 4:2)
6. God (Romans 10:9)
8. savior (Matthew 16:16)
10. you do this with your mouth (Romans 10:9)
12. what it takes to show faith (James 2:17)
14. God's word (Romans 10:11)
16. is real (Hebrews 11:6)
17. gives benefits to (Hebrews 11:6)
19. trust (Hebrews 4:2)

Down

1. mix (Hebrews 4:2)
2. separation from life (Romans 6:23)
3. present (Romans 6:23)
5. claims (Matthew 10:32)
7. ignores (Matthew 10:33)
9. look for (Hebrews 11:6)
11. use (Hebrews 4:2)
13. what you earn (Romans 6:23)
15. where you believe (Romans 10:9)
18. absence of death (Romans 6:23)

FAITH BRINGS LIFE



near

far

blood

sorrows

punishment

infirmities

stricken

pierced

iniquities

wounds

sheep

disobedient

mercy

envy

kindness

generously

way

truth

life

answered

FAITH BRINGS LIFE

1. NESOSFC -----
2. EWAGS -----
3. ADESRRW -----
4. SIDOWNS -----
5. DLRO -----
6. MIOCNEB -----
7. TIEXSS -----
8. EEGDKLCNWAOS -----
9. IONATC -----
10. ITGF -----
11. EFLI -----
12. EEKS -----
13. VAEUL -----
14. RATHE -----
15. HIFAT -----
16. DAEHT -----
17. ICHRTS -----
18. SPLGOE -----
19. UTPICERSR -----