



Handout #4

SO WHAT DOES GOD'S STORY MEAN TO YOU?

It means...

JESUS loves you and
wants to be your Lord, Savior and Friend

The Bible says that we should cast all of our care on God for He cares for us. This means that if we want to know God His way, we can pray and He will hear us.

The most important part of praying is faith knowing that He will answer. This faith begins by understanding who Jesus is: the Son of God. Then you must be willing to admit to God that you are not perfect, guilty before God. You have sinned and broken His laws and deserve to be judged, but you want mercy and grace from Him through His plan of forgiveness.

You recognize that God's plan is that Jesus died on the cross to cover your sins-- all those black marks on the pages of your life that block your relationship with God. When Jesus covers your sins, your life becomes clean and white-- a new creation. Jesus' death gives you a new and open relationship with God.

In order for this to happen to you personally, you must be willing to invite Jesus into your life and allow Him to guide you. You should want Him to become Lord of your life. Making Jesus Lord may not always be the easiest road, but it will be the most meaningful.

If you would like to make this decision to become a Christian, the following prayer shows you how to do so. You can pray this prayer if it is truly what you feel or just use your own words containing the thoughts in the prayer.

Lord I need you. I need your peace.

I believe your Word.

I want you to be with me always-

living inside me and giving me your strength.

I know that I have done wrong things in the past-

I have had wrong actions and thoughts. I have broken your laws.

I have also neglected things that I know I should have done.

I am not perfect.

Please forgive me for these sins.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died on the cross to pay for my sins.

I ask you, Jesus, to come into my life- to cleanse me and make me a whole person.

I give you my life and ask you to guide me. I am now yours.

Thank you for your willingness to hear.

In Jesus' name. Amen.