

Sermon guide for Youth Sunday 2020: JE&US



Sermon 1: Believe in Jesus – Allison Dowe

Main Idea: *I am called to believe in Jesus (Faith)*

I am made right by believing in Jesus

Sermon 2: Love Others – Parker Mapes

Main Idea: *I am called to love others (Action)*

I show my love for God by loving others

Sermon 3: Jesus AND Others – Hunter Smith

Main Idea: *I am called to believe in Jesus and Love others, balance faith and action*

By only doing one, our faith and love are incomplete.

Length: About 7-8 minutes

Theme Scripture: 1 John 3:32

And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

Additional Scripture:

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

James 2: 14-17

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

17 So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

I Corinthians 13:1-7

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Hebrews 11:1 & 6

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see...6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Romans 3:31-22

21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

TALK STRUCTURE:

Your message should have 3 parts. Introduction, Body, and Application/Conclusion.

STARTING YOUR TALK:

Introduce yourself.

example: "Hello, my name is Parker Mapes, and I am a junior at Johnson High School..."

INTRODUCTION:

Share what the main is, what it means, and how the scripture supports it.

The introduction will win the audience attention. In the introduction you need to gain their interest and show they why they should continue to listen.

- Is there a clever way to introduce your theme? How can you capture the audience attention? Share a personal story, Tell a joke, share fun facts, ask a question, use a quote, etc.
- Introduce your theme and where you are going to take your lesson.

In your introduction you should also include:

Allison: What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Why is Believing in Jesus essential for a Christian?

Parker: What does it mean to love others? Why is loving others essential for a Christian?

Hunter: What does it mean to balance belief & love, faith & action. Why is it essential to have that balance?

BODY:

Here you should share 2-3 main points that support your topic.

Share a story () that relates to the main idea.

- *Use a personal Story: Many in the congregation do not know you. You may want to share about...*
 - Allison:** *Why you believe in Jesus, or how the church (or a person in the church) has helped you have faith.*
 - Parker:** *What are some ways that you show love to others. Share an example of when you showed God's love to others.*
 - Hunter:** *How do you balance your faith and actions. Was there a time when you showed love to others because of your faith?*
- *Use a Biblical story: here is a suggestion*
 - Allison:** *Use Mark 9: 14-29. Discuss the disciples lack of faith and how they then asked Jesus to help them to believe.*
 - Parker:** *Use James 2:14-17. Discuss how just believing in Jesus does not help this cold & Hungry person, and we need to live out our faith by caring for the needs around us.*
 - Hunter:** *Use Matthew 9:20-22 (Bleeding woman). How did the woman have faith. How did her faith lead to action? How did her action lead to healing.*
- **Story Structure:** Your story should contain a setting, the story and a conclusion.
 - Part 1: The Setting:* Set up your story with some necessary details. Share the details that put the story into a context the listener will understand. since you only have a limited time, cut unnecessary details.
 - Part 2: The Story:* This is the main body of your story and should be something that your listeners can connect with. Keep the story simple and concise. If there are details that do not relate to the theme, cut it out.
 - Part 3: The Conclusion:* Share how this story relates to your theme.

APPLICATION/CONCLUSION

Share how the listeners can live out the thesis in their lives. How do we apply his to our lives?

A well constructed conclusion drives home our purpose and leaves the audience inspired to think about & act on your ideas. You should restate your key points and challenge your audience to act upon your idea.

Here are some questions to guide you:

Allison: Why is it important to Believe in Jesus? How does faith enrich and enhance our lives?

Parker: Why is it important to love others? What are some practical ways to show God's love to others in our day to day lives?

Hunter: Why is it important to balance faith and action? How can we allow of belief in Jesus to shape how we love others? And How can our love for others enhance our faith in Jesus.

TIMELINE:

- Written rough draft due: **February 9**
- Present orally to Dave the week of **February 16**
- Dress Rehearsal (present on stage): **February 22**