

MyLife-Workshop: an exploration of my life

Preparations for unit six:

- Video projector, screen (flip chart), laptop, speakers
- Perhaps a short video interview (voluntary) taken on a smart phone at the end of the session

6. Treasure

Ice breaker: Your house is burning. You only have three minutes to get your most valuable and most important item(s). What would you rescue? Why?

Input from the facilitator: How was your week? What thoughts, insights, and/or impressions did you have?

Show a **video** that depicts the discovery of a treasure hoard (only the first 5 minutes)

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeIgC6bTOEM>)

Input from the facilitator: In a modern translation, read Matthew 13:44, the treasure in the field.

Main point: Everyone who accepts God's invitation through Jesus Christ is like a treasure hunter who finds the greatest treasure of his life.

Example: Tell a life story of a famous character who came to know Jesus (like Malcolm Muggeridge or Bono von U2)

Let's get to work (Workshop)

A. Compare: „The great comparison“

1. A life with Jesus Christ (forgiveness, acceptance, peace)
2. A life dependent on myself (guilt, separation, lack of peace)

B. Share

1. Where can I relate to descriptions on the right column?
2. In your opinion, what makes a life with Jesus Christ attractive?



Input from the facilitator: What is God's instrument of dealing with our sin and failure? Read Isaiah 53 - He takes our sin on Himself and places them on Jesus Christ (read Romans 5:8).

B. Brainstorm: each person writes John 3:16 at their lowest point (in the red sphere) with his name in the place of "the world".

Question: What does this do to me? How do I feel about it?

Input from the facilitator: God's pain is clear to us - Jesus suffered because of our guilt. The pain reliever is just as clear: Jesus, not guilty, gives his life for us, the guilty ones. What is the next logical and pivotal step? (Let the participants find the answer themselves in John 3:16) Put my trust in Jesus, trust Him with my life.

Input from the facilitator: Where do you stand in relation to the treasure?

Input from the facilitator: Read the prayer of surrender aloud. Now read it a second time and ask the participants if they would like to pray this prayer silently for themselves.

Claiming the Treasure as my own

Prayer of Longing/Desire

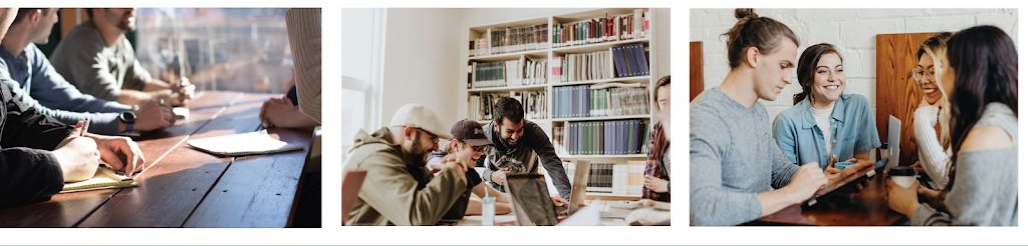
Jesus Christ, you have come to me at the point of my life's deepest pain. On a terrible instrument of torture, on the cross, you suffered for me. In your suffering I recognize your love for me.

Up to now I have refused to acknowledge you as my God and Savior. I want to change that. I have come to realize that I have failed to trust you. For this I am sorry.

I do not want to live this way anymore. I need you and long for your SHALOM. Therefore, I place my trust in you and ask you to forgive me my sin. I accept your forgiveness as a precious gift. I desire to follow you and from this time on let you shape me as I do what you want from me. Thank you that I can truly call you the treasure of my life. Amen.

Input from the facilitator: Whoever took this step should draw a large cross in the column representing your future. Reference the treasure in the field once again!

Output: what now?



1. For those who trusted their lives to Jesus Christ: learn to live with Him each day. Read your Bible (offer helps), attend a small group, invite to

“MyLife-in Christ”, for example.

2. For those who aren't yet at this point: take your questions and doubts seriously and continue pursuing the treasure.

Last round = discussion: How important was MyLife-Workshop for me? What are some results?

Facilitator: Say good-bye to the participants, offer your help for further discussions, mention the church's activities, i.e., helps. Evaluation forms. Possible video (short testimonial).

IMPORTANT!

Facilitator: Please complete the MyLife-Workshop feedback survey [here](#), and pay the per participant funds.

Thank you and may He bless you with fruit beyond your wildest dreams!