

SALVATION

The Christian community calls salvation the deliverance from sin or the saving from evil when someone seeks salvation. This is a huge and defining moment in anyone's life when they become 'saved.' Many denominations understand salvation in different forms. For example, the Covenant denomination understands salvation when a person has 'accepted' Christ as their Lord and Savior. In today's society the 'sinner's prayer' has been the norm for someone to receive Christ as the savior. Although the 'sinner's prayer' is not biblically based, the beliefs of the prayer are found in scripture.

Mentor

Take this opportunity in talking with your mentee of your conversion. What led you to salvation? Why did you do it? Was it a defining moment or a gradual process?

Biblical foundation

- Psalms 3:8, 'From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. (TNIV)
- John 3: 5-7, ' ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' (TNIV)
- Romans 10:9-10, ' ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (TNIV)

Cultural

The Cup'ig people of Nunivak Island believed in Ellam Cua (the Christian God). Prior to the missionary contact, for thousands of years Ellam Cua was present in the lives of the Cup'ig. They believed like other natives of a higher power. The native people in Norton Sound region spoke to their creator. The creator mentioned people coming with a black book and that black book would be his word. God was indeed at work with many native people.

Potential activity

Ask your mentee to write down their defining moment of their gradual process of salvation. This will give the mentee a refreshed view of the journey. If your mentee is not sure if they are saved, please pray with them and ask if they understand salvation. Often times, leading someone to the 'sinner's prayer' is done by a pastor. If you feel lead by the Holy Spirit, please pray with your mentee in leading him to Christ.