

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Faith and Righteousness

Genesis 15:6 *And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

Give everyone a blank file card. Have your students open their Bibles to Genesis 15:6 and write the verse on their cards. Be sure they understand who the pronouns refer to.

Challenge them to (1) find where the last part of this verse is cited in the New Testament, and (2) find out why it is cited there.

"It was counted to him as righteousness."

Allow four or five minutes for them to answer the question in writing. Then discuss their answers. What important teaching does the Apostle Paul base on this verse?

If necessary, remind your students that they need to use cross-references.