

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM November 27, 2016

BIG IDEA:

Junior High is the time when in a person's life when they transition from being a child to being a young adult. It's the time for them to make up their mind about who they really are and what their life is really going to be about. This series will challenge students to tackle the foundational questions about their identity and the Christian faith. This week's question: Am I really a Christian?



REALLY?

ICEBREAKERS:

If you're driving down a 4 lane highway in your canoe and 1 wheel falls off, how many flapjacks does it take to cover a dog house?

7, because vest don't have sleeves

OR, 4 because dogs don't wear earmuffs.

DISCUSSION:

1. On a scale of 1-10, how sure are you that you would go to heaven if you died today?

2. If God asked you, "why should I let you in", what would you say?

3. Look up and read 2 Corinthians 13:5 together.

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"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you - unless, of course, you fail the test?"

4. Are you really a Christian? Why? Talk with each other. Those that are sure, take those that are doubting and don't know to scripture and show them what the Truth is. Those that don't know, don't be afraid to ask questions. Leaders, let the students run with it. Correct them if they are way off. But spur them on to love each other well with scripture. If there is silence and they don't know, don't shame them, teach them, show them. Here are some verses that can help. And you'll know a lot more. Dig for the truth and call them to know it and teach it to others.

The Romans Road:

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9-10

Grace by faith not by works: Ephesians 2:8-9

Assurance of Salvation: 1 John 5:13

APPLICATION & SCRIPTURE MEMORY:

5. Some of you roll your eyes and think "I already know all this..." If that is true, great! But how are you applying the Gospel to your life? How is your life *transformed* because of the Gospel? (Not just things you know, but share how it directly effects your life).

6. "Christian" was used of the church in Antioch because people had no category for the way they saw these people live their life and live in unity with one another in relationship. What is a way you are living your life differently than the world? What is 1 way you can this week?

7. How are you reaching out to and loving people different than you?

8. What will you do in the next few weeks to tell people of the real relationship you have with Jesus?

Own your faith. Believe and run with it or dig deep and ask questions. Your eternity is counting on it and other people are counting on you. Try to memorize 1 John 5:13. Take some time to thank God that he has given us a way to know for sure that we belong to Him.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life..