

Fusion Q's – 1 John: Light Over Darkness This is Life

Discussion Questions (25 – 30 minutes)

Q1. If you were to dream up the perfect and most fulfilling life, what would it look like?

Q2. In what way does believing Jesus and his commands set us free and give us life?

Q3. John says that those who reject Jesus as God and his teaching are calling God a liar. How can John say this?

READ John 10:10 & Ephesians 2:1-10

Q4. There are so many lies out there trying to persuade us that real life lies outside of Jesus and how he wants us to live. What do you think Jesus means when he says that all the other options for life are from the thief who wants to destroy you, but he (Jesus) holds the key to a full life? What does a "full life" look like according to Jesus? How does this differ from your version of a full life?

Q5. In Ephesians, Paul says that we were actually "dead" when we lived according to our own evil desires and were obeying the devil. What is he talking about?

Q6. How can we be saved and what are we being saved from?

Q7. Do you believe that you are one of God's masterpieces? How does knowing this change the way you think about yourself? How does knowing this change what you want out of life?

BIBLE TEXTS

John 10:10 (NIV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.