

Fusion Q's – 1 John Walk as Jesus Did

What's Up? ...

Ask each student how their week went. After everyone has had a chance to talk ask if anyone has things they would like to pray about. It is always best to get the kids to pray for each other... we are trying to disciple them!!!

Discussion Questions

Q1. What does it mean that Jesus is our "advocate"? Why would we need an advocate before God?

Q2. What do you think it means to be a Christian?

Q3. How can we be assured of our salvation?

READ Romans 8:1-2, 9-11

Q4. How does knowing that there is NO condemnation for those who "belong to Christ" make you feel?

Q5. What are some things you feel condemned about in your heart? What do you think Jesus thinks about those things?

Q6. What does being "dominated" by the sinful nature mean? Are there areas in your life where this is happening?

Q7. How is it possible to let the Spirit control your mind? What does that look like?

Q8. Pastor Chris talked about not just *believing in* God but to *believe* him as well. Are there things you struggle to believe that God says? What are they? How can you start to believe them?

BIBLE TEXTS

Romans 8:1-11 (NLT)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷ For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

⁹ But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.