

FUSION Q's... John Part 15 – Arrest, Trial & Crucifixion

Discussion Questions

Review

- Q1. Discuss with the group what is the most moving part of the story of Jesus and explain why this is so.
- Q2. After listening to the talk, explain why Jesus had to die on the cross.
- Q3. How do you think Peter felt after the rooster crowed and he remembered what Jesus had said to him?
- Q4. How do you think Peter felt when he later understood that even this betrayal would be forgiven and that this sin would not be held against him?
- Q5. What did Jesus mean when he said "It is finished"?
- Q6. If you have decided to follow Jesus and be a Christian, tell the group when and why. If not, explain what is keeping you from making this decision.

Baptism. Why get baptized?

Baptism is not a new practice. In fact, baptism is actually thousands of years old. Ancient Israel used to baptize new converts into Judaism. In those days the purpose of baptism was purely a "cleansing" of an "unclean" sinful past life. In modern times (since the resurrection of Christ) baptism has expanded from its simple beginnings and has become an important practice of the Christian church. In fact, in Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus commands us to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We find in Mark 1:9 that Jesus himself was also baptized by John the Baptist. The early church adopted this model of baptism and time and time again we see that their practice was to baptize new believers immediately following their conversion. This is seen throughout the New Testament, especially in the book of Acts. This was a public declaration of faith in Christ from the person being baptized (Rom 10:9) identifying that he/she belonged to the family of Christ. Baptism symbolizes death with Christ with the descent into the water, and being made alive in Christ rising up from the water (Rom 6:3-4).

If you have accepted Christ as Lord of your life, and believe that he died and rose from the dead for the forgiveness of your sins, then you are ready to be baptized! If you feel that you are ready to take the next step in your relationship with Christ and are considering being baptized or just want more information, please talk to Pastor Chris. He would love to talk to you about it!