

FUSION Q's... Born to Sail 9 – The Crew

Discussion Starter ...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about? Get them to pray for each other!

Discussion Questions

Q1. How does it make you feel to know that you are not alone in this thing called "Christianity" – that you are part of something a lot bigger than just yourself?

Q2. What do you think about the statement "your relationship with God is personal, but not private"? Explain what you think this statement means.

Q3. Why do you think some people who say they are Christians also say that they don't want to be part of the church? Are their reasons valid? Why or why not?

Read Romans 12:3-6

Q4. Paul says that the person who claims to be a Christian, but doesn't want to be part of the body is like a "chopped-off finger". Why do you think he says this? What does he mean?

Q5. Why do you think it is important for the followers of Jesus, or the church, to work together as one body? What's the big deal?

Read John 13:34-35

Q6. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes loving one another? What is so important about love?

Q7. Do you think our youth group is loving towards each other? Why or why not? DO you think we are loving towards students who are new? Explain

Q8. What can you do to make Ignite a place of love and acceptance?

BIBLE TEXTS

Romans 12:3-6 (*The Message Bible*)

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we're not.

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."