

FUSION Q's... The Christmas Story 2 – A Saviour is Born!

Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)

Q1. Christmas is a time when we return back to where it all started – when Jesus was born. This was when God's plan to set things right in world was began to be fulfilled. How does remembering what God did for us change the way we celebrate Christmas?

Q2. In your own words, tell the group why you think you are in need of a Saviour?

Read Romans 8:1-5

Q3. What does "no condemnation" mean?

Q4. Why is there no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus?

Q5. From what has the Christian (one who belongs to Jesus) been set free? Why is this so significant?

Q6. What was the "just requirement of the law" that must be met? [leader – the requirement of the law was that something must die to restore our relationship with God because sin is so serious]

Q7. How has Jesus fulfilled that requirement?

Read Romans 8:5-9

Q8. Paul says that letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. How can we avoid letting this happen?

Q9. Paul says that if the Spirit of God is living in you, that you will not be controlled by the sinful nature. Does this mean you will stop sinning? Why or why not?

Q10. How can you start to live your life so that God's Spirit is in control instead of your sinful nature?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Romans 8:1-5 (NLT)

1 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.

Romans 8:5-9 (NLT)

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.