

FUSION Q's... Jesus is Better 10 – Jesus is a Better Prize

Discussion Questions

Q1. What was your biggest takeaway from tonight's talk?

Q2. What do you think it means to "keep your eyes on Jesus"? What does that look like in everyday life?

Q3. What comes to your mind when you hear that God is your Father? Explain.

Q4. How is God different from our earthly fathers?

Read Philippians 3:12-21 & 2 Tim 4:6-8

Q5. Have you ever thought of your faith journey like it was a race? What types of things hinder us from running a "good race" when it comes to our faith?

Q6. How does one win the race that our passages are talking about?

Q7. If this faith we have is like a race, who or what are we competing against?

Q8. What is the significance of seeing yourself as ultimately a citizen of heaven rather than a citizen of this earth?

Q9. How does being a citizen of heaven change the way you make decisions and affect how you live your life?

Bible Passages of Discussion

Phil 3:12-21 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

¹⁵ Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶ But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. ¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT)

⁶ As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. ⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.