

Fusion Q's Born to Sail 2 – The Curse

What's Up?

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about?

Discussion Questions (25 – 30 minutes)

Q1. Have you ever thought of yourself as being under a curse? Why or Why not?

Q2. Captain Barbosa said that no matter what they did, they could not be satisfied because of the curse. What are some of the effects of the curse that you see in the world around you?

Q3. What are some of the ways that the curse has affect you?

READ Romans 3:9-26

Q4. In our passage, Paul explains how all of us are in the same boat – we are all born under the curse, we all have sinned and our relationship with God has been broken. Is it hard to believe that no one is really living right – that we all are in the same boat of wrong doing? If so, explain why. If not, why not?

Q5. Does this passage discourage you or encourage you? Why?

Q6. Paul explains in v.21 that God has shown us how to be made right with him. How can a person be made right with God?

Q7. What does Paul mean that God "did it for us"? What did he actually do?

Q8. How does knowing that Christ put us in right standing with God affect you?

BIBLE TEXTS

Romans 3:9-18 (NLT)

⁹ Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin. ¹⁰ As the Scriptures say,

"No one is righteous— not even one.

¹¹ No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.

¹² All have turned away; all have become useless.

No one does good, not a single one."

¹³ "Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave.

Their tongues are filled with lies."

"Snake venom drips from their lips."

¹⁴ "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵ "They rush to commit murder.

¹⁶ Destruction and misery always follow them.

¹⁷ They don't know where to find peace."

¹⁸ "They have no fear of God at all."

Romans 3:21-24 (NLT)

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.