

FUSION Q's... Christ In You 1: The Gospel Changes Lives

Discussion Questions

- Q1. What stood out to you from the talk tonight?
- Q2. What is the difference between worldly hope (I hope so) and biblical hope?
- Q3. Why do you think hope (the biblical kind) is so important?
- Q4. If someone was to ask you what the Gospel or Good News about Jesus is, what would you say?
- Q5. How does the good news about Jesus change lives?
- Read 1 Cor 1:18, Romans 1:16-17 & 2 Cor 5:14-21***
- Q6. What do the words "reconciliation" and "ambassadors" mean?
- Q7. According to Paul, what is it that "compels" us to represent Jesus and tell people about him?
- Q8. What is the task that God has given to those who belong to him and believe and accept his love?
- Q9. Think of your own life and friends. How can you be an ambassador for Jesus to your friends who don't know him?

Bible Passages

1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. ¹⁷This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we believe that Christ died for all, and that we have all died to our old life. ¹⁵He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

¹⁸And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.