

Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Difference Maker” John 1:10-14 February 3/4

Getting Started

Today, we bring our season of 21 days of prayer and fasting to a culminating moment of completion. We have asked God for blessings and breakthroughs in our life that would not only affect our lives, but the people around us. For our new friends to CBC today, you have been invited to this church not because we want to change you, but because we want you to know the person that changed us. Thank you for saying “Yes” to being here today!

The question being asked from our Scriptural reading today is: “What makes Jesus so special to so many?”

How would you answer this question?

What makes Jesus so special to you?

Going Deeper

- I. Unfortunate Rejection: (John 1:10-11)
 - a. Didn't Recognize Him: “the world did not know Him” (Vs. 10)
 - b. Didn't Receive Him: “His own people did not receive Him” (Vs. 11)

A person once said, “We all need Jesus in the worst kind of way, but we look for Him in the worst kind of places.” He meant that we are all wired to want love, acceptance, respect, purpose, meaning, significance, hope, forgiveness, restoration, and value. These are the things Jesus offers us, yet we try to find them everywhere but through Jesus.

Where did you look for these things?

How did Jesus intersect with your search and show you that He was the source of all you were seeking?

II. Unfailing Reception: (John 1:12)

- a. Acknowledge Him: “But to all who did receive Him”
- b. Accept Him: “who believed in His name”
- c. Adopted By Him: “He gave the right to become children of God”

Once you hear about what Jesus has done for you, you have a choice to make. The Bible uses the words ‘to receive,’ ‘believe in,’ ‘trust in,’ ‘put your hope, faith, or confidence in’ as synonyms. They are all creative ways to describe the same transaction: the moment you believe in your head, heart, and soul that “Jesus was who He said He was, and did what He said He would do.” He was God’s Son who died on the cross to pay for your sins, and rose from the dead to prove that the payment was satisfactory. It’s not enough to just mentally believe this, we must receive Jesus as our own personal Savior. **Share with us about the time in your life when you received Jesus.**

III. Unfounded Remarks: (John 1:13)

- a. Can’t be Conceived: “NOT of Blood”
- b. Can’t be Achieved: “NOR of the will of the flesh”
- c. Can’t be Relieved: “NOR of the will of man”

This verse (and many others) remind us that we are NOT the source of our salvation. It’s not something we are born into, can earn by good living, or can choose on our own. It is something that is a gift from God. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9.** In your own words, how would you explain this truth to someone else who was asking about your faith?

IV. Unfair Reward: (John 1:13-14)

- a. Despite Us: “but of God” (Vs. 13)
- b. Came to Us: “dwelt among us” (Vs. 14)
- c. Pursued Us: “we have seen His glory” (Vs. 14)
- d. Save Us: “full of grace and truth” (Vs. 14)

How do you feel about a God who pursues you in spite of your decision to look in all the wrong places for Him? What kind of God would do that?

Take Away: For some of you there is a decision that is ready to be made today to follow Jesus; for others this is not a decision you're ready to make but ongoing discussion to have and we are grateful for both responses. Thank you for the opportunity you have given us to share about the person who changed our lives.

Prayer Requests