



Group Discussion Questions

FAQ Series - Why is sin such a big deal?
August 31 & September 3, 2017

When you were growing up, who did discipline the best, your mom or dad? Why?

Read aloud: Romans 3:9-31

Notice the all-inclusive language of vs. 9-18: all, none, not even one! Paul is saying that every single person ever born is contaminated by a sinful nature. If sin is saying, doing or thinking anything in a way other than how God would say, do or think it, how does God bring to your attention little sins in your life? Does He use people, His Word, or the Spirit's work in your heart, most often?

Do you find yourself humbled by God doing all the work in delivering you to heaven or do you just take it for granted? What does it mean to be humble and how does that manifest itself in your attitudes and actions?

Do you feel blessed by God because He gave you eternal life through faith rather than having you work for it? The word bless means an inner satisfaction and contentment that is not upset or distressed when I can't get my happenings to happen just the way I want them to happen. How have you experienced that in the past?

Do you feel privileged to be a child simply through faith? James says that true faith will create such a feeling of privilege that the inner attitude of blessing from God will overflow in our lives and create actions for God, that's why he says faith without works is dead (James 2:17.) What godly attitudes are created by feeling the privilege of God in your life?

Do you ever feel like a failure in following and serving God? Paul says that feeling is part of the confirmation from God's law that I need Jesus' provision of eternal life, because I'm not good enough to earn heaven. What's one thing you're trying to improve in your life so you can serve God in a more committed way?

Family Time: Talk to your kids about something you'd like to get better at, like being more patient, kind, faithful, whatever is appropriate to you. Then ask them what they'd like to get better at. Talk about how no one will ever be perfect. Take a couple of minutes to pray and ask God to help you all to serve Him more faithfully.