



Faith Community Church
What's a Christian?
(Standing firm, Part 2)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer:** Father, help us to rest confidently in the truth that You chose us. Help us to lay down daggers on individual beliefs and unite in the truth of Your grace.

🧊 **Icebreaker:** Share one sentence: “A time I felt surprisingly chosen, noticed, or included by someone (or by God) was...”

🔑 **Key Points**

1. **Chosen.** A Christian is someone God loved and chose before they ever chose Him.
2. **By Grace.** Salvation begins with God's grace, not our merit, effort, or spiritual résumé.
3. **Responsibility.** God's sovereign choice does not cancel our responsibility to believe and receive Jesus.
4. **Power.** We know we are chosen when the gospel comes to us not only in words but in power, the Holy Spirit, and full conviction that changes us.

💬 **Discussion Questions**

1. Did you begin a labor of love, sound forth, or practice waiting joyfully last week?
2. When you hear that a Christian is someone “loved by God and chosen by God,” what feelings or questions rise up in you? (Ephesians 1:3-14)
3. How does the story of Abraham or Saul (Paul) help you see God's initiative in your own story of faith? (Genesis 12:1-4, Acts 9:1-20)
4. How does knowing that we are CHOSEN by God help us endure persecution? (1 Thess 1:4, Romans 5:3-5)

5. How do you personally hold together the two truths that God is fully sovereign and that we still have real responsibility to respond? (Philippians 2:12-13, John 6:35-40, Romans 11:33)

6. Can you describe a moment when the gospel moved from familiar words to something that landed with power and conviction in your life? (Hebrews 4:12)

7. What difference does it make to know that God already knew your weaknesses, failures, and mess—and still chose you? (Psalm 139:1-16)

8. Where do you find yourself struggling to “be good enough” to escape hell? Where do you currently need the comfort and assurance that Christ, Himself (without your help) delivered you from “the wrath to come”? (1 Thess 1:9-10, Hebrews 2:14-15)



Practical Applications

1. **Chosen.** This week, focus on the truth that “God chose me because He loves me.” Write down and share with an accountability partner one specific way that truth can silence a current fear, insecurity, or performance-driven habit.

2. **We speak; He works.** This week, intentionally share a Scripture or tell the gospel story (even briefly) to one person. Trust that God’s Spirit brings God’s power to ordinary words.

3. **Receive.** Each morning, pray a simple response: “Jesus, I believe and receive You again today. Thank You that You chose me and deliver me from wrath.” Journal how this affects your confidence.



Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for delivering us from the wrath to come. Thank You that Your deliverance is based on Your grace and Your sacrifice, not on my performance. Help me to confidently approach Your throne of grace, and to share that grace with those you place in my path. Amen.