

Since becoming a Christ follower, have you suffered rejection from family or friends? How have you handled that? Does it help to know that even Jesus was considered crazy by His family at first?

What are some reasons people might think Christians are crazy today?

Have you ever met someone who only wanted to say Jesus was a good person, a famous teacher, or an important historical figure but not Lord? Why do you think we are willing to only say good things about Jesus and rarely bad things about him but still not accept Him as Lord of all? What is the problem with this logic?

The Scribes used the law that was about Jesus to judge Jesus as a servant of Satan. How can the things meant to lead us to Jesus lead us away from Jesus? Have you experienced this in your own life? How do you keep from missing Jesus amidst all the things meant to lead you to Jesus?

On the cross Jesus took Satan's power away by dying for our sins. He is the strong man who has been bound. In Christ, we are to live free from guilt. Do you struggle believing the satanic lie that you are still guilty? What can we do to remind ourselves that Satan and his lies are powerless?

What do you think about blasphemy? What have you believed about the unforgivable sin? Jesus teaches in this passage that the unforgivable sin is to blaspheme the Spirit by rejecting His testimony about Jesus. How does this inform the mission and ministry of the church? Why should this truth cause us to emphasize missions to those who have never heard of Jesus?

How have you struggled with believing who you are, the way you were raised, or the good things you have done gets you to heaven? How have you struggled believing who you are, the way you were raised, or the good things you have done keeps you from heaven? Why should this passage give you hope no matter who you are or what you have done?