

'Christianity'

From the series:: Conversations... on life, God, and other small topics – 12/09/12

BIG IDEA

Examining our lives and wrestling through some of life's most challenging questions is not easy, but it's necessary. At some point, after examining the evidence, we all must decide how we will respond to Christianity, specifically, the claims of Jesus. C. S. Lewis once said that 'if Christianity is true then there's nothing to do but throw everything away and follow Jesus, if it's not true, then we should stop worrying about it.' Two things are crucial to understand: (1) what is Christianity, namely what does it mean to be a Christian, and (2) why have you decided to be a Christian.

QUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- Christianity is about Jesus, thus being a Christian is about having a relationship with Jesus. If being a Christian is all about having a relationship with Jesus, why is it so easy to get focused on other things like rules, religious actions, moral behavior, etc? How does looking at Christianity as simply a relationship with Jesus take away the "burden" of being a "good" Christian?

Engaging the Heart::

- Why are you a Christian? Would your answer to this question compel others towards Christianity?

Take some time to share with your Community Group some of the reasons as to why you are a Christian. Be encouraged and inspired as to why others have made the decision to follow Jesus.

Engaging the Hands::

- We've been engaged in some hard 'Conversations' over the last 10 weeks. How do we take what we've been talking about and begin engaging those around us with these 'Conversations?' How do we help others see that Christianity not only has thoughtful, logical, and reasoned answers to life's toughest questions, but that Christianity is first and foremost about a relationship with Jesus?
- Doubting Thomas confessed Jesus to be his "Lord and God." What would it look like to live out that confession? Share some practical ways in which Jesus as "Lord and God" would show up in your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – GENESIS begins its Christmas Series entitled:: **The season to be...** Learn more about the up-coming Christmas Series by visiting:: <http://www.genesisjourney.com/blog/post/the-season-to-be>
- **Christmas Eve** – Join the GENESIS Community for a candle-lit Christmas Eve celebration on Monday, **December 24th at 6PM.** Invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you. More details about our Christmas Eve gathering at:: <http://www.genesisjourney.com/events/event/240>
- **James Park** – This past weekend, GENESIS had the privilege to spend time with James & Yun Mi Park. James is interviewing for the GENESIS Worship Pastor position. The elders would love your feedback, specifically, how you sense the Lord might be moving. Please pass along your thoughts to elders@genesisjourney.com.