



IT'S PERSONAL

Do you know...?

Session 6: Do You Know What God Has Done For Me?

October 27 – November 2, 2019

Hang Out (30 Minutes)

1. You can use the book *The Complete Book of Questions* to continue getting to know each other. Have a group member pick a number between 1 and 100, look up the question for that number and encourage everyone to answer. Remember, everyone has the right to pass on any question.
2. What is a piece of bad advice you received?
3. Who has been a spiritual influence in your life?

Watch The Video (24 Minutes)

Watch the video if necessary. If everyone viewed the sermon before the meeting, add this time to your discussion.

Discuss (30 Minutes)

It's okay if you don't get to every question. Leaders, guide the group to the questions you think will be most helpful.

1. Read John 8:31-38. In verse 31, the verb "hold to" Jesus uses to emphasize being a disciple can also be translated, "abide in", "continue in", or "make your home in." How do these alternate translations help you understand in a deeper way what Jesus is teaching? What does it look like for you?
2. In John's Gospel, "sin" is defined relationally and not morally, to be out of a relationship with Jesus. Thus, human sin is a broken relationship with God. Jesus says, "everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (v34). How is a broken relationship with God like slavery?
3. Brainstorm some ways the truth sets people free.
4. What is one difference Jesus has made in your life?
5. Martin Luther emphasized that Jesus frees us from humanity's greatest enemies, "sin, death, and the power of the devil." What other "enemies" in your life has Jesus freed you?

6. In his treatise, the *Freedom of a Christian* Martin Luther writes that, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all." What do you like about this interpretation of what it means to be a Christian? What is the benefit of living within this tension? How do we best do so?
7. Read Romans 8:35-39. How do these verses comfort you? Which truth contained here do you hope to "abide", "continue", and/or "make your home in"?

Summary:

The greatest need every person has is to know and trust in the love of God in Christ Jesus. Through the work of Jesus, God demonstrated his desire to be in a personal relationship with every person.

Identify one person that you sense God is nudging you to begin praying for that person to trust in Jesus and be saved.

Pray (5 Minutes)

As you consider the one person you sense God is nudging you to begin praying for to trust in Jesus, pray the following prayer in unison.

Today I pray for _____ (name the person silently).

God of heaven and earth, your love, your grace and your truth through Jesus amazes me. We long for these people to experience your presence and love. We know they will feel your Spirit as we pray in the name of Jesus. Surprise them with your abundant grace and by your Holy Spirit, draw them into a relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.