

## Conversation Starters

- Do you see evidence for God around you?
- How has this series helped you with your questions about Jesus?

## Discuss

Anyone can be saved through faith in Jesus. He was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of the Bible, restoring those who believe in him to a right relationship with God. Those before the time of Jesus were saved by faith by looking forward to him.

*And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith. (Genesis 15:6)*

There are times when it is difficult for someone to understand that; to have the ability to really grasp that. And for those times, we know and trust that God is good and fair, and can be assured of salvation. And there are also times when someone may not hear it, but evidence all around points to God.

*They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (Romans 1:19-20)*

- How does this provide comfort in times of uncertainty?
- Do you ever take a moment to look around and see the evidence of God? Can you point it out to someone who may not know him?

That Bible teaches that God gave us a will. A chance to choose – to believe in Jesus or to reject him. But we cannot choose the way of salvation; that has already been decided. You cannot choose to be saved apart from Christ. And no one can take it from you once you decide you believe. (Reference Mark 10:17-22).

- Where do you stand with Jesus?
- Do you find yourself questioning, from time to time, your salvation?

Sometimes we can fall into comparing ourselves to others. In our work, our family, our lifestyle. We can do this to with our salvation. When someone comes to faith in Christ later in life when we have been working on being faithful for a long time. Jesus taught us to not fall into that.

*...Should you be jealous because I am kind to others? (Matthew 20:15b)*

- Do you ever find yourself comparing to others?
- How can we change our attitude to not compare?

But if we fall into that camp of waiting to decide, we are also taught to not wait. We don't know when we will die (even though we sometimes don't like to think that way), so it is important to decide when the call of God comes, and not wait.

*Then he [Jesus] told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ (Luke 12:16-20)*

- Are you waiting to decide who Christ is? What questions do you need answered? Are you ready to decide now?

## Next Steps

Evaluate all that you know about Jesus. If you still have questions, find someone to ask. (You can always contact Meck at [churchoffice@mecklenburg.org](mailto:churchoffice@mecklenburg.org)) If you have already decided to put your faith in him, what is he asking you to do next? (You can always contact us at Meck for this as well.)

## Pray

Father, you are a good God. Thank you for the relationship that you have offered us and for allowing us to ask questions about Jesus. With all that you have given us, please give us wisdom as we wrestle with this and decide where we stand. And help us to take the next step that we need to.