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questions

April 7: My Life

1. What does freedom mean in the context of Christianity? How does it differ from the world's definition of freedom?
2. How does the story of Saul's conversion in Acts 9:1-19 illustrate the concept of freedom in Christ?
3. What is the state of Saul's freedom before and after his encounter with Jesus?
4. In what ways do we see God's sovereignty and our free will intersect in our lives?
5. How can surrendering control actually lead to greater freedom in Christ?
6. Have you ever felt trapped by your own need for control? How did this impact your relationship with God?
7. How can we discern whether we are truly following God's will or simply trying to control our own destiny?
8. Read Galatians 5:1 and 5:13-14. Saul, now called Paul, is talking about the proper use of freedom. What is that proper use for followers of Jesus?
9. In what areas of your life do you struggle with relinquishing control to God? How can you surrender these areas to Him?

Family Questions:

Some people think freedom means being able to do whatever you want. What are the problems with that idea?

The Bible teaches that we are stuck in sinful thoughts and actions, but Jesus can free us from them to be the people he created us to be. What kind of person do you think God wants you to be? What do you think he wants you to do?

Sometimes we want to have our own way. When you feel like that, have you ever thought about checking to see if your way lines up with God's way? What is God's way of living? Can you think of words or examples that describe the way God wants us to live?



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April 14: My Faith

1. In Mark 2:1-12, we see the story of the friends who brought the paralytic to Jesus. How does this story illustrate the idea that faith is personal but not private?
2. Why do you think it is important for us to live out our faith in community with others, even though it is also a personal journey?
3. How does living out our faith with others help to strengthen our own personal faith?
4. What are some ways we can actively live out our faith with others in our daily lives?
5. In what ways do you think our society today encourages us to keep our faith private? How can we overcome this cultural pressure?
6. Do a search for the “one another” passages in the Bible. What do the results tell you about the Christian faith?
7. Based on that search, how can we encourage and support each other in our personal faith journeys while also striving to live out our faith in community with others?

Family Questions:

In this week's Bible story, some friends helped a sick man get to see Jesus even though they had to lower him down from the roof! Why did they do that?

Why is it important for us to practice our faith and beliefs together with other people?

What are some ways we can show and live out our beliefs with other people in our daily life?

Look up the phrases in the Bible that have the words “one another.” What do those teach us about the Christian faith?

Based on those “one another” phrases, how can we encourage and support each other?



April 21: My Resources

1. What does Matthew 19:16-23 teach us about the relationship between our resources and our commitment to following Jesus?
2. In what ways can our money and possessions become obstacles to our faith walk?
3. Why do you think the issue of our money is often so difficult to align with our faith?
4. How can we prioritize our financial resources in a way that aligns with God's kingdom values?
5. How does our attitude towards money reflect our trust in God's provision?
6. What does it mean to be a good steward of the financial blessings that God has given us?
7. In what ways can we use our resources to support and further the mission of the church?
8. How can we guard against the temptation to place our trust in material wealth rather than in God?

Family Questions:

In this week's Bible story, a rich man asked Jesus how to get to heaven. Why did Jesus' answer make the man sad?

How can having a lot of money or toys sometimes get in the way of our relationship with God?

How can we make sure to spend our money on things that are important to God?

How can we avoid falling into the trap of trusting in money and stuff more than trusting in God?