

Living FROM THE CROSS

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

BEFORE VIEWING

(Review) What were some key ideas from the last session. Discuss.

1. Give a percentage to how much you exhibit this in your life:
We live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
For example, if you're always complaining or always worrying, there may be evidence that you are not living by faith. Discuss.

AFTER VIEWING

1. God says you are worthy, forgiven, redeemed, holy, pure, righteous etc. right now. Do you believe that? What gets in the way for you?
2. You will act according to what you believe! "As a man believes in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7) Do you agree with this truth? Share some examples.
3. Explain the difference between living FOR the cross and living FROM the cross. Compare and contrast the different beliefs and behaviours you might observe in an individual that is living FOR the cross and an individual that is living FROM the cross.
4. Do you agree with the claim Steven makes that your core identity cannot be both sinner and saint? Explain.
5. What is at the root of us being tricked into believing that our core nature is "sinner"? Why?
6. Discuss how God worked in Abram's life in the present when he uttered the statements "I HAVE given you this land" and "I HAVE made you a "father of many nations"?"

FOLLOW-UP

1. What are the promises that God has made to you that you believe today that you have been struggling to believe? Blessed are those that don't see but believe. Journal about these things while reflecting on this "He calls those things that are not as though they were. I am what he calls me. Journal about how having faith in Him and believing his truths today will shape your behaviour going forward.

Consider this example if you aren't sure where to start:

I BELIEVED I WAS	SO I	I NOW BELIEVE	SO I
A sinner and less favoured than others	Gossiped was jealous and hated my co-workers who were promoted when I felt that it should have been my chance.	God loves me and I am favoured in his eyes	Thank him for giving me the opportunity to have a position and wait on his perfect timing if he wishes to move me to a new opportunity. Show love to my coworkers who are made in his image.