

What About…?

ICE BREAKER:

If they are willing, have someone who has experienced the death of a loved one at a very young age (i.e. miscarriage, infant dying) share how they coped with the situation – emotionally, spiritually, etc.

DISCUSSION:

1. **Read I Timothy 2:5-6; I John 2:1-2; II Peter 2:1.** Explain how Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient to pay the price for the sins of the whole world.
2. **Read John 3:36; John 3:17-18; Romans 1:18-20.**
   - Who are the two categories of people described in John 3:36?
   - What is the basis for condemnation according to John 3:17-18?
   - Why does Paul say people are without excuse as it relates to acknowledging God's existence?
3. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:28; I Timothy 4:9-10.** What is the basis for salvation?
4. **Read Romans 3:23; Psalm 151:5; Romans 5:12; Romans 5:18.** Explain why saying: "babies are innocent and not yet guilty of sin," is a false statement.
5. **Read John 3:36.** Who are those who experience God's wrath according to this passage? [Key Point: *Those without the intellectual capacity to reject Jesus – whether babies or mentally handicapped adults – are not guilty of rejecting Jesus' offer of salvation.*]
6. **Read Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 9:35-42; Luke 9:46-48; Luke 18:15-17.** The term "little children" refers to babies/toddlers, yet Jesus says that they "believe in me." Explain how you think Jesus can make such a statement?
7. **Read Matthew 19:13; Matthew 18:10.**
   - What do we learn about God's love for & relationship with, little children (here and in heaven)?
   - How do individual guardian angels for children speak to God's unique relationship with kids?
8. **Read II Samuel 12:22-23; II Samuel 18:33.** Once his infant child passed away, David stopped his grieving and said he was confident he would go to be with his son one day. But David's reaction to the death of his wicked adult son, Absalom, was different. Why do you suppose that was the case?
9. **Read Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:19-20; Hebrews 11:6; Acts 17:26-27.** Why do you think God is gracious to those who don't have the ability to believe or reject the gospel, but He holds the lost who have not yet heard the gospel responsible to respond to His revelation in nature & conscience?

APPLICATION:

God finds a way to reach lost people all over the globe (missionaries, angels, near-death experiences, etc.). How are you doing in reaching your lost family members, friends and co-workers for Christ?