

What Really Matters?

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Week of August 6, 2023

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: What is the most embarrassing global mishap that you can remember either from history class or from the tabloids in the papers?

BELIEVE

Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

We are re-examining a passage from a previous chapter. Specifically, the goal of today's discussion is to dive deeper into the clarity of Christianity and the person of Jesus.

Have someone in your group read aloud: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

1. Throughout the Bible, idolatry is described as *the worship of created things rather than the worship of the Creator - especially when the people know clearly the difference between Creator and created*. Can you think of any idolatry taking place today in our current context?

Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

Examples might include:

- Political idolatry
- Social media Influencer idolatry
- Sexual identity idolatry
- Job/status idolatry
- Phone / Technology idolatry

2. Like the Titanic, the Old Testament has several instances of predicable personal downfall. Paul mentions that these become examples for those of us on this side of the cross - (verse 12) that we should be careful unless we too fall. Can you think of any examples from your family's life or you're your own teenage years or from your early years of following Christ that spur you onto careful and sober discipleship today?

3. Paul mentions that although we are tempted to worship the idols of our times, that there is something more powerful happening - Jesus is the way that leads us out of any season of temptation. What do you think it looks like practically to follow Jesus closely in moments of temptation?

Leader Context (not to be read aloud):

- Sometimes it looks like a recommitment to serious prayer.
- Sometimes it looks like a friend holding you accountable to Jesus.
- Sometimes it looks like hitting pause on social media, television, cultural arts, or food for a season to fast and meditate on Jesus.
- Sometimes it looks like barely hanging on and trying to “survive and advance.”

BECOME:

4. Is there anything in your life that may be a blind spot with respect to idolatry? Is there anything this current group could help pray with you about or hold you accountable?