

CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



WARM UP

Do you tend to be a pessimist (glass half empty), optimist (glass half full), or realist (50% of the glass has water in it)?

Would you rather address a problem head on or wait and see if it resolves itself?

DIGGING DEEPER

Thinking about Life Sunday, what one thing do you hope we talk about as a group?

The Bible is full of insight about God and life. Read these passages and write down how God relates to life.

Deut 32:39

Job 33:4

Psalms 16:11

Psalms 36:9

John 1:3-4

John 11:25-26

John 17:3

Acts 3:15

Acts 17:25

During the sermon, we talked about suicide being a sin because God commands us not to murder (take life unjustly). But going beyond “God commanded it,” explain in your own words why suicide is wrong (reference passages like 1 Sam 2:6 and Gen 9:5-6).

If someone came to you and asked the question: “Can a true Christian commit suicide?”, what would you say to them?

Ravi Zacharias, a famous evangelist and apologist, says: *When you think of it, really there are four fundamental questions of life. You've asked them, I've asked them, every thinking person asks them. They boil down to this; origin, meaning, morality and destiny. 'How did I come into being? What brings life meaning? How do I know right from wrong? Where am I headed after I die?'* With those four pillars in mind, why would life without God (or Christ) be meaningless and without hope?

We all struggle with hope, joy, and meaning from time to time, and many people in the Bible did as well. Some were depressed or even expressed or acted on a desire to die. Read about one or more Bible characters who wrestled with hopelessness and observe how they dealt with their doubt. (Job, Jeremiah, David, Jonah, Elijah, Samson, Saul, Judas, etc.)

If you had the opportunity to comfort one of these Bible characters, what would you say and what verses would you use?

What would you say to someone who has tried to commit suicide and failed? What Biblical comfort would you give them?