

Discipleship Mosaic

Table One {God's Rescue}

Read John 3:16

What two possible destinies are described in this verse?

Read Romans 6:23

What have we earned? How?

What does God desire to give us?

Read Romans 5:8

What did we do to earn God's love?

Revelation 3:20

What is our part in salvation?

What's an example of a secure relationship in your life? Unsecure?

What would be the implications of someone believing they couldn't lose their salvation?

What would be the implications of someone believing they could lose their salvation?

Pick a picture you think best illustrates the following verses. John 10:27-30, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 5:11-13.

Why would God want us to know for sure that you have eternal life?

When you let God forgive you, He gave you a new identity. The following verses highlight some of the things that are now true about you. Each person at the table needs to pick a different verse below. Read the verse and choose a picture from the deck to describe your verse. Then share your picture and verse with the rest of the table.

Isaiah 43:10

John 15:15-16

Romans 5:9-11

Romans 8:1

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:31-39

2 Corinthians 3:5

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

1 Peter 2:9-10

1 John 3:1-2

Why do these things not always seem or feel true about us?
How would it affect how you think and feel if you fully believed these truth about other Christians?

Your relationship with God is your connection to Him. You're His child and all the identity truths you read earlier are true about you not because of anything you did, but because of what Jesus did. His perfection is reflected onto you. God is your Father and your relationship with Him is secure based on what He did at the cross. When you sin, you don't cease to be his child. Your relationship with God is dependent on Christ alone and therefore is constant regardless of your attitudes or actions.

Your fellowship with God is different than your relationship with God. Fellowship is your interaction, your communication and intimacy with God. This is dependent on what you do. When you sin, your interaction, your communication and intimacy with God are hindered. If you sin willfully or if God makes you aware of sin and you refuse to confess and change your attitude about it, then your fellowship or friendship with God is temporarily broken until you confess it.

In a friendship with a close friend, when you do something to hurt your friend, you want to say sorry and ask forgiveness to make your friendship right. When you confess your sin to God to restore your friendship, or fellowship, you're not asking to receive more forgiveness because all your sin, past, present and future was forgiven at the point you yielded your life to Christ. Rather you thank Him for the cross to make your fellowship with God right again. If you do not confess your sin, then you do not in your conscious feel clean before God, and there is no longer the power and sometimes even the desire to live the Christian life. When I do confess my sin to God, regardless of how I feel, I am completely forgiven and clean.

Even though you have sinned since accepting Christ and will no doubt sin again in the future, your relationship with God is secure and your fellowship with Him is restored as soon as you confess that sin to Him; He removes it infinitely far from you and fellowship with Him is restored completely. Over time you will begin to notice that God changes you from the inside out and little by little He is making you more and more like Jesus.