



CONVERSATION STARTER

What is something you are hoping for that is uncertain? Do you wish you knew the future? Why or why not?

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Read Romans 15:8-11 - Truth

1. Paul writes that Jesus became a servant to the circumcised for what three purposes?
2. What is God's truthfulness that Jesus came to show to them? Discuss and then read John 8:31-36
3. Jesus said "if you abide in my word... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" and "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed". How does abiding in the truth of Jesus' word and Jesus himself set you free?
4. Read John 8:42-45. Who did Jesus say was the father of the unbelieving Jews, and what character traits did Jesus identify in them and their father?
5. Read John 8:47. What did Jesus mean by saying "you are not of God"?
6. How do you see the devil's activity and attitude being exemplified in our communities, nation, and the world?
7. Read Jesus' prayer for believers in John 17:14-21. Jesus says he has sent believers into the world. What does he ask God to do for those who are sent? Why would Jesus ask for those specific things?
8. At Gateway Church, each worship service concludes with the words "You are sent." What does that mean to you?

Read Romans 15:12-13 - Hope

9. Why would Jesus' ministry of truth to the Jews cause Gentiles to glorify God for his mercy?
10. Why does Paul refer to God as the God of hope?

11. How would it feel to be filled with all joy and peace in believing?
12. Do we need the power of the Holy Spirit to abound in hope? Why?
13. How should being filled with joy and peace in believing and abounding in hope be reflected in our daily walk as we live in this world?

Goal - to be Kingdom-Minded

14. A goal of the Gateway Church family is to be kingdom-minded. We desire the gospel of Jesus to change our community, state, nation, and world. Do you see exciting evidence of this happening in our community, state, nation or world today? Is there hope?

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PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for the truth of the gospel, the truth about Jesus and who he is, to be proclaimed in our city, state, nation, and world. Pray for eyes to be opened to the truth so that God will be glorified by Jews and Gentiles. Pray that we as believers will be sanctified in the truth of God's Word and kept from the evil one. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our steps and inspire us as we are sent into this world. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to those who have yet to believe and trust Jesus as Lord of their lives. Give God thanks for the blessings of joy, peace, and hope in believing.