

20 Questions for Confirmation

What is the difference between being a “good person” and a “Christian?”

Introduction: Name someone that you would call a good person. What does this person do, or not do, that causes you to say they are good?

What do you think it means to be good? Who decides what is good or bad?

If you had to write a definition for the word, Christian, what would you say? Would you use any resources to write this definition?

Does it matter if we do good things? Does God care?

Do good things save us or make us right with God?

What does the world expect of you?

Watch this clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV3YCqlv-t4>

What do you think of the assignment the teacher gave them? Do you believe middle school people can change the world? Do you think being a Christian has anything to do with changing the world? Why or why not?

Something to think about...

Did you know that early followers of Jesus were not called Christians? The term first appeared in the book of Acts about forty years after Jesus' death. Look it up at Acts 11:26.

Look up Romans 12:9-21

Based on these verses how do you define a Christian? Do you think a person can do these things without believing in Jesus? Why or why not?

Read the story about the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.

Did you know...

Samaritans were considered outsiders by Jesus' early followers. They worshipped in a different place and had different traditions. Some of Jesus' followers didn't want anything to do with Samaritans.

If you look at the actions of this Samaritan man, do you think he was acting like a Christian? Why or why not? What do you think motivated him to help the person in need while the other leaders who passed by didn't help the man? Were the others acting like Christians? Why or why not?

Romans 14:17 tells us, “For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” When we follow Christ, we care for others because Christ loves us and laid down his life for us. Martin Luther, who you've probably learned about in confirmation, said that God doesn't need our works for our neighbor does. Jesus doesn't save us because we do good things. Jesus saves us because

he loves us. Our response to this love is to love and care for our neighbor. Check out Ephesians 2:8-9 to learn more.

Prayer

Dear God, we give you thanks for the people in our lives who take care of us and teach us how to love others. Show us how we can be changemakers in this world because you first loved us. Help us to live out our belief in you, but caring for others. In your name we pray, Amen.