

Faith Group Questions

Rooted in Christ (Part 5): Freedom to Worship

1. Have you ever felt judged in the way Colossians 2:16-23 describes? What was it over? If you're honest: have you ever judged someone in the way Colossians 2:16-23 describes?
2. What is it in people (and in us) that causes us to judge others based on external forms of religious observance (behaviors, attendance at certain events, lifestyle, etc.)?
3. Can you give some modern examples of these outer forms that are important but not a cause to pass judgement on someone for?
4. Why does Paul urge his readers not to allow anyone to judge them based on these things? What is the reality that is found in Christ?
5. How does Jesus' teachings in Matthew 7:1-5, 11:28-30 & 23:1-7 give greater understanding to what Paul is teaching here in Colossians 2?
6. These outer forms of worship are obviously not bad in themselves; in fact, many are encouraged by Paul elsewhere. So, when and how do good 'religious' things become harmful legalistic things?



Car Conversations

Keep the conversation with your kids going using these questions based on the Faith Kids' lesson.

1. Have you ever been stuck (in place or in a situation)? Describe what happened.
2. How were the Israelites "stuck" during the time of the Judges? Have you ever made the same mistakes over and over again?
3. God sent judges to rescue his people even though they continued to do wicked things. What does this tell you about who God is?
4. Deborah's song of victory includes the words "Praise the Lord" several times because she knew that God deserved all the credit. Think about how God has delivered you (by sending Jesus or helping you with a specific problem). Write a song or prayer to God and give Him praise for giving you victory.