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What's the Solution?

Our belief influences our behavior. If we could pass perfect laws and create perfect policies, we would still not have a perfect world. The truth is that no law has ever changed the human heart. There is only one way, God's way, to a heart transformation. With God, all things are possible.

Proverbs 4:23; 1 Corinthians 1:18

A changed heart will change the world. The problem is, our heart is broken, confused, disconnected, and restless. So, if we are slaves to sin, how can we ever break that chain? Discuss the reasons why we are slaves to sin. How can a close relationship to Christ Jesus set us free from that bondage?

Matthew 9:36; Romans 7:15-25; Romans 8:1-10

Five benefits of the Cross and how Jesus changed everything:

1. **Jesus was our replacement.** He took our sin and absorbed all of it. Every cut, every blow, and every drop of blood were payment for our sin.
Romans 3:25; Hebrews 10:5-10
2. **Jesus' death purchased our redemption.** Jesus bought our freedom with His submission to God's will.
Galatians 4:4-7, 5:1
3. **Jesus' death means our reconciliation to God.** The word means two parties coming together, who have been distanced by conflict.
Ephesians 2:13-14; Romans 5:10; 1 Timothy 2:5-6
4. **Jesus' death means our rebirth.** This is a fresh start, a new beginning... forgetting what is behind and pressing on to what is ahead.
Titus 3:5; Philippians 3:13-14
5. **Jesus' death brought repudiation.** He defeated death so He could give us eternal life.
Colossians 2:15; 1 John 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Examine each of the five things that God did for you through the death of His Son. Share which of the five strikes deepest in your heart. Describe what happened when you accepted Jesus as your Savior. Share with the group different ways we can share this awesome gift with people who don't know what God did for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:58

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Make it Real

- Pray that God would continue to change your heart.
- Find an opportunity to serve.
- Look for an opportunity to share the good news. Be **INTENTIONAL**.
- Thank God for His mercy and grace every day.