

Living in Integrity Discussion Guide

Part 1 Discussion Questions

For the following Discussion Questions, please use [this link](#) to re-listen to these specific portions of the Living in Integrity podcast.

1. What are some things you were taught by your parents that you “have to do” to be a good person?
2. What are some of the things you were taught you “have to do” to be a good Christian?
3. In your list of things you “have to do” to be a good Christian, do you lean toward being really good or making a difference in the world?
4. Do you ever think you have fully satisfied the list of what you “have to do”?
5. When you hear that following Jesus is not about getting life right, but God setting us right, what do you think?
6. Is there relief and freedom when you hear that you don’t have to get everything right to be loved by God?
7. Read [Romans 3:21-26](#). What gets your attention when you read this text?
8. When hearing the 5 Key Concepts of discipleship, which one stands out the most for you? Those concepts are:

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- a. We are converted through conviction and that brings us new life.
- b. God's Word does something to us.
- c. Discipleship is not merely being pure or getting justice right.
- d. Discipleship is living out the new life God has given us.
- e. Out of fear, love, and trust of God we can love each other and serve creation.

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Part 2 Discussion Questions

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1. Share a daily habit that would be very difficult for you to change?
2. How are our personal views of getting Christianity right like those habits that are difficult to change?
3. Conversion through Conviction
 - a. Read [John 1:8](#).
 - b. What do you think it means that “we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us?”
 - c. Read Luther’s explanation of The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed in the ELW (Page 1162). If we can’t come to believe in God on our own, how do we come to faith?
4. God’s Word Does Something to Us
 - a. Think about a time when what someone said to you deeply moved you and changed your life. How is God’s Word like that?
5. Discipleship Is More than Being Pure or Moral
 - a. Think about something at which you are really good.
 - b. Have you ever been perfect at it?
 - c. Do you think you can be perfect enough to get God to love you? If that can’t happen, where do you find hope?
6. Discipleship Is about Living Out the New Life God Has Given Us
 - a. Read [Romans 8:14-17](#).

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- b. What do you think is the difference between living in the spirit of slavery or the spirit of adoption?
 - c. What would a new life in Christ look like?
7. Disciples Fear and Love God so That Creation Is Served
- a. Read [Exodus 20:1-17](#). Then read the response of God's people in [verse 18](#).
 - b. Is fear part of one's relationship with God?
 - c. Now read the commandments and their explanations from The Small Catechism of Martin Luther found in the ELW (pages 1160-1161). How often do you read that "we are to fear God"?
 - d. Notice how the first 3 commandments speak of our relationship with God and the final 7 speak of relationships with each other. How would life be different if the world were guided by Commandments 4-7?

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Part 3 Discussion Questions

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1. Do you have a life experience like the one described in the podcast about church pants and play pants?
2. How do you define the word 'integrity'?
3. Read [Psalm 25:20-21](#) and [Psalm 26:1](#).
4. What do you think the word Integrity means in these psalms?
5. Think about the commands to purity for God's people and the commands to justice for God's people. On which side do you fall?
6. Why are those commands opposite to each other?
7. Is it possible for a person to follow both commands?
8. How does Integrity apply to following both commands?
9. What does a life lived by integrity look like?
10. Why is it risky to live by integrity?