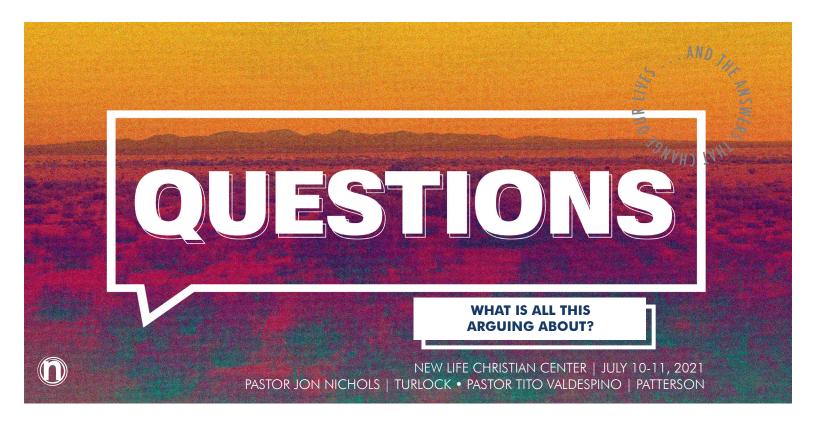


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1. Jesus cares more about ME than who's RIGHT or WRONG.

"He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them." Mark 10:14b-16 NLT

2. Jesus cares about how LONG I've SUFFERED.

"O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall." Psalms 13:1-4 NLT

"But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me." Psalms 13:5-6 NLT

3. Jesus sees my FAITH (even when it's TINY).

"The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!" Luke 17:6 NLT

4. Jesus is ready to **DELIVER** me.

"But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. At that, the evil spirit screamed, threw the man into a convulsion, and then came out of him. Mark 1:25-26 NLT

- 1. Share about a time in your life when you felt stuck physically, emotionally, or in some other way. How did you get unstuck?
- 2. Read Mark 9:17-21, and imagine if you were this father. What would be some of your thoughts and emotions, as you had this encounter with Jesus?
- 3. Think about the torment this man's son had gone through, and read Romans 8:1-3. What would it mean to this boy if he heard these words after Jesus had set him free?
- 4. Have you ever felt shame or guilt because you believed your faith was too small? Read Luke 17:5,6 and share what it means to you to realize God doesn't require huge faith to work in your life.
- 5. Sometimes our own attempts at being "good enough" can become a trap that holds us down, like the scribes in Luke 9. What is keeping you from experiencing true freedom in Christ Jesus?
- 6. The father in Luke 9 took steps (bringing his son to Jesus) and prayed (he cried out to Jesus). What steps will you take, and how will you pray, this week, to find more of his freedom?
- 7. Share any needs you have and pray for each other.

"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." Galatians 5:1 NLT