

Questions for Conversations

We are moving to Christology this week.

There is so much more to say about each doctrine than what we have said. Here are a few items for you to consider as we leave the topic of salvation behind as our central focus. The list is from a book by Michael Patrick Barber.

Salvation is

- not self-help
- not fire insurance
- not without cost
- not just personal (individual)
- not just a legal transaction
- not a spectator sport
- not simply a moment
- not inevitable
- not only about the future

You may want to spend some time discussing your agreement/disagreement or questions about any of these.

Today's Message

Do you think John the Baptist is sending his disciples to Jesus for his (John's) sake or for his (John's) disciples' sake?

What does it mean when Jesus says, "blessed is he who is not offended (or scandalized) by me"?

Jesus is clearly understanding that he is offending to some. By extension, we can assume that people can/will/should be offended by us too. How do we live in

such a way that offends like Jesus without being an offensive Christian like being a know-it-all, self-righteous jerk?

Have you been in John's spot (desperate, alone, and with no apparent hope)? Are you now?

Are you wanting a direct answer from Jesus, and feel like you aren't getting it?

Take some time and play the part of John's disciples for each other. Remind each other of the good works of God. Rehearse the stories of God's good works.

Tell each other what Jesus would say about them.

Pray