

Questions for Conversations

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How has God been speaking to you recently? What has he been saying?

What questions do you have about this week's message?

Think for a moment about the best visual example of what the newness Christ brings. Rob used the example of a baby being born and beginning to breathe. How else might we think about the radical change?

Rob made a point about the Greek words in v 5 for planted with him and raised with him. Of the options for raised which speaks the most to you? Why do you think that is?

- Homer: to arouse from sleep
- To recall the dead to life
- To cause to rise from a seat, bed, from reclining or lying
- To produce, cause to appear
- To cause to be born
- To erect a building

Paul does not give us much middle ground in this passage. We are either dead in sin or dead with Christ, and instrument of wickedness or an instrument of righteousness. What do you think about that? Should there be some middle space? If you are like me (Rob) why do I keep trying to make a middle space?

1. Take a breath (seriously, as a group slow down be still and breathe together for 1 minute)
2. Do something with the breath in your lungs.
3. Get help breathing. We all need help to not keep putting water in our lungs again. Who is in your life that you can turn to for some accountability?
4. Learn CPR: who might you breathe into this week? What might you do to do it? Go out to eat with them, figure out a way to bless them, share the gospel explicitly with them?

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

In addressing this passage, Michael Frost, asks how might we live questionable lives? If we are supposed to be ready and able to answer everyone, they must have questions about the how and why of our lives.

How can you go living a questionable life this week?

Share and Prayer