

PART 2:
Go and Sin no more
or else...

STUFF JESUS NEVER SAID



Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

A Christless picture of God leads to muddled thinking: Sometimes God is good to me, sometimes he isn't. Sometimes he gives, sometimes he takes away. Sometimes he's happy with me, sometimes he's angry. Sometimes he's for me, sometimes he's against me. But Jesus isn't fickle and nor is his Father. God never changes. The God who made the earth and gave it to us is always good to us. God's love is greater than words. It's so big that it can only be defined by what it isn't. God's love is uncontainable, unfathomable, unconditional.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the time when you misheard or misunderstood what someone said. What happened? What was the consequence/result of the misunderstanding?
2. Jesus never said *"Grace is free but you have to prove you were worth it."* Do you ever feel that you have to prove you're worthy of receiving God's grace? How do Matthew 13:45–46 answer your question?
3. Jesus never said *"I gave you eternal life, now you owe me."* Do you ever feel that you owe Jesus for the salvation you received? Why is this bad? Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Does it say that your salvation is a "gift" of God or a "loan" from God? What is the implication?
4. Jesus never said *"if you commit suicide, you will go to hell."* Discuss the following.
 - a. Is suicide a sin? Read Exodus 20:13
 - b. Is suicide an unpardonable sin? Read Mark 3:28.
 - c. How can anyone be saved? Is it by not committing suicide or by believing in Jesus Christ? Read John 3:16, John 6:47.
 - d. Paul said ALL of our sins have been forgiven (Colossians 3:28), does this include future sins? if so, doesn't it mean suicide is also included?
 - e. Depression is a real issue faced by many people, including Christians. How can we encourage our Christian brothers or sisters who suffer from depression?
5. Discuss how your LINK can be a genuine authentic support system to help each other to go through the good times and the bad times. Close by praying for one another.

MOVING FORWARD

God and His love for us is greater than anything we face in this life.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38–39 NIV)