

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Date: May 8, 2019

Title: Metamorphosis

Big Idea: I Am Loved

ICEBREAKER

Would you rather questions. Every student must pick one side or the other.

1. Would you rather have a constant runny nose for the rest of your life or have a constant stuffy nose for the rest of your life?
2. Would you rather not be able to smell anything or not be able to taste anything?

SUMMARY

You are loved, for who you are not for what you do. Our belief always determines our behavior. We have probably heard that God loves us, but if we are honest, we struggle to believe it.

John 3:16 TPT "For this is how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life". Jesus was sent to earth because God loves us; Jesus died to pay for our sins because God loves us, Jesus came back to life to credit our account with His righteousness because God loves us.

Romans 5:8 says "But Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly". We are used to people putting conditions on their love for us, but God does not. He loves us when we are at our absolute worst. If we are going to find freedom in our hearts, it starts by receiving what Jesus has done for us by believing it.

1 John 4:18 NLT "Such love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love". Jesus chose us. Jesus chose you. He knows you best and loves you the most and shouts the loudest over your life, "I love you for who you are, not for what you do".

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever done an activity or sport where you were afraid of not being good enough?
2. Is there a time that you felt that someone's love for you was based on how you behaved?
3. Have you ever felt like Jesus' love for you was based on how you behaved?
5. What's one step you can take in believing that Jesus loves you for who you are, not what you do?