

Large Group - Between Your Ears

Shirley Newcomb Testimony

12.2.20 Middle School

12.9.20 High School

Discussion Questions:

1. What really stuck out to you from Shirley's testimony?
2. What pieces of her story could you relate to?
3. Shirley talked about how there was a point in her life that she believed Jesus was real, and that He died for her, but she states that He was not yet the Lord of her life. What is the difference between believing in Jesus and allowing Him to be the Lord of your life?
 - Read the following: James 2:19; Romans 3:22&25; Ephesians 2:8-9. James seems to state that faith alone without works is not saving faith; where Paul states several times that we are saved by faith alone. Knowing that the Bible does not contradict itself, how can we make sense of these verses?
 - Now go back and read James 2:14-26. How does this context help?
 - Help students to see that "saving faith" is not just believing, but belief that leads to action. Again, what we *truly* believe is reflected in our actions.
4. Shirley gave 4 possible "calls to action":
 - To believe (Heb 11:6)
 - To receive (Rom 10:10)
 - To grow (1 Peter 2:2)
 - To obey (James 1:22-25)
 - Which one is the most difficult for you?
 - Which do you feel is your next step tonight?
5. John 10:10 says that Jesus came to give us a "full" life, in this life and the life to come. Shirley states that she has seen this to be true in her own life, calling living for Christ "the most exciting trip" she's ever been on.
 - If you are a follower of Christ, have you found excitement in your walk with the Lord? If so, how? If not, why do you think that is?
 - If you are not a follower of Christ, what is holding you back?