

ICEBREAKER

What's an item you have bought from an advertisement? Did that product make your life better? Or perhaps it was a waste of money.

TEXT

John 16:29-33

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you became a follower of Jesus, what did you believe in regards to your "new life? Did you believe everything was going to be perfect?
2. The phrase we say all the time around Crosswind Church is "Life with Jesus is better". While absolutely true, how can we explain this phrase to others who do not believe in Christ? How do we explain this phrase to someone who is going through hard times, financial troubles, health issues, etc.?
3. How can these folks attain peace in their current state? Is there a way we can inspire them to have hope during the hard times?
4. Read John 16:33. What's your first thought whenever you read Jesus saying, "...In this world you will have trouble." Do you feel the Church teaches this truth well? How can we teach it better to those both new and experienced in the faith?
5. If Jesus overcame the world, then why do we feel like we have to? Have you ever been guilty of trying to overcome the world? Explain.

NEXT STEPS

Good news: life with Jesus is better! It's just not perfect. Jeremy said, "The absence of conflict is never promised this side of heaven." If that statement of true, then we must cling to the words of Jesus that John wrote here in verse 33. Take heart! This Christmas season may we all understand and accept that Christ overcame the world because we cannot. Have hope in Him!

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

