

DISCUSSION IDEAS
WHEN GOD SWEARS

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How do we react when someone shows us a truth that differs from our core beliefs?

Think of an example of such a core belief, such as:

"I must be faithful to Church in order to get to heaven."

"There is only one way to God – MY Church."

"I was raised (Catholic, Jewish, Baptist,.....). To leave that church would be a betrayal."

Think of some other ones:_____

Have any of you faced rejection for putting your trust in Jesus?

- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS?.**

If you just answered "the Bible", how do you know that it is true?

What value do we place on promises that are kept?

Consider Hebrews 6:13-18.

- God made a promise to Abraham. Did He keep it? How long did Abraham have to wait? (answered in the message text.)

Think: "Would I have the confidence in God to wait that long for an answer?"

- What two things gave credibility to God's promises?

What is God's inherent character?

Why did He swear an oath?

- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHY DO I THINK THAT I CAN REALLY TRUST JESUS?**

Compare Hebrews 7:17-21 with Psalm 110:4.

What in this convinces you that Jesus can be trusted?

What is the difference in trusting in a principle you have been taught, compared to trusting in a person?

How does the resurrection of Jesus fit into this discussion?

- ♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: WHAT ARE WE REALLY TRUSTING?**

How important is MY faithfulness?

How important is that to God?

BUT, what does that have to do with God forgiving my sin?

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In contrast, how important is God's faithfulness?

Now read Heb. 6:19-20. Look at the details in that passage:

Talk about the word "anchor".

What do the words "behind the curtain" refer to? How does that relate to our forgiveness?

Discuss the statement that Jesus is "a forerunner on our behalf".

- ◆ **PERSONAL REFLECTION: WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE REALLY GUARANTEED A PLACE IN HEAVEN?**