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Is He a Believer?” – Discussion Guide

Section 1

Discuss what you applied in the past seven days from the last Overflow Show.

Read Galatians 3:10-14. Discuss the contrast that is painted here.

Section 2

Go to www.OverflowShow.com and listen to the 5-minute podcast titled “Is He a Believer?”

Section 3

What did you think? What stood out to you as you listened?

Describe a time you have met someone or been a friend of someone where you were not sure if they were a believer or not? What made it confusing?

Does feeling confused about someone’s possible salvation cause you to hesitate to ask her about her faith?

Let’s go over the first diagnostic question. What are the possibilities if someone feels 85%, or some number less than 100% sure that they are going to heaven?

What concept do you want to help someone better understand if they answer less than 100% sure?

If they answer that they are 100% sure, why can you not assume that they have salvation?

What is the second diagnostic question to ask and what is the most common response we hear?

What is it that you need to help someone better understand if they talk about their behavior as something that helps them get into heaven, OR as something that will keep them out of heaven?

Someone times it is hard to get into a conversation about one's assurance of salvation. Humor can help. What are some more fun or creative ways to express the first diagnostic question so that it is still compelling, but not quite so abrupt or negative? (Example, if needed: If a huge asteroid suddenly veered toward earth tonight, and crashed right into your house and simultaneously smushed and vaporized you, how sure are you that you'd go to heaven. 25%. 50%. 85%. What would you say?)

Section 4

Discuss some ways we could apply a few of these principles in the next 7 days?

One suggestion (if needed): Poll friends in this way: "My Wednesday night spirituality group is asking opinions to see what people think about spiritual things. Could you give me your opinion on two hypothetical questions?"

Overflow enthusiastically recommends the book EVANGELISM EXPLOSION, by D. James Kennedy, from Tyndale House Publishers.

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