

Discussion Questions
XFC week 2

1. What was the biggest question you had after the first weeks teaching that you wanted Jim to answer this week?
 2. What does it mean that “something is only understood to be very good when it is laid beside something that is not very good...something evil?”
 3. What is your mental conception of who Satan/devil is? What helped shape that picture?
 4. In what ways have you seen Satan be true to his character as a liar, slanderer and accuser in your life?
 5. Do you believe that Satan is God’s equal opposite?
 6. Read Genesis 3:4 why would it be helpful to Satan’s agenda to portray God as a cosmic kill-joy?
 7. Our culture’s primary view of God is that he wants to restrain people from doing things that feel good. Agree or disagree?
 8. What evidence in your life or on a global scale can you point to that we are living under a curse?
 9. What relational consequences to sin can you identify in your life?
 10. Why do we not want to view God as judgmental? Is He? Did God overreact?
 11. Jim said, “until you and I understand and embrace the depth and magnitude of the problem, we will have very little interest in the significance of the solution....what it took to fix what’s wrong.” Agree or disagree?
 12. Why is trying to be “good enough” to win God’s approval a losing battle?
 13. What emotional response does Jim’s statement that “God is great and good because He judged sin and then He immediately went to work to fix a problem that we created.” illicit in you?
 14. Discuss the following statements. “God is not defined by the circumstances of the weather or a personal incident in your life. God is defined by a Roman cross where Jesus hung as payment for sins and crimes he did not commit, that’s who God is, that’s the God we worship”.
- “Tragedy reminds us that things are not as they should be. The cross reminds us that one day, they will be.”
15. Close by reading Romans 5:6-8;12 and 8:37-39 out loud in your group.