



ICEBREAKER

*Would you rather live forever or have an endless amount of money but only live once?*



GROUP QUESTION

*Outside of skateboarding, what are some activities, groups, or hobbies that you have dove into before?*

We as humans are complex creatures. We have emotions, desires, a capacity to love, and all of these traits point to the fact that we aren’t just a product of random evolution, but are fearfully designed and wonderfully made. One of the most beautiful things about us is that we are all born with a desire to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. It’s the reason why some people join bands, others get involved in team sports, and why some of us started skateboarding. It’s fulfilling to be a part of something that makes us unique, something that tells us who we are, something that define us.

*Tell about a time when someone you know completely changed because of an activity they started doing, whether it be a sport, hobby, group of friends, or person they started dating.*

Although there may be nothing inherently wrong with the activities we are a part of, there is something wrong, when we let these things that we so much enjoy like skateboarding, control us and define us. If we allow our whole lives to revolve around these worldly things, and if these things are our everything, who are we going to be when they eventually leave us?

*Whether it be because you got hurt, or couldn’t land a trick, have you ever gotten so frustrated at skateboarding that you wanted to quit? Explain why.*

Our need to be a defined by something was never meant to be fulfilled with things like skateboarding, friends, or activities, because eventually these things will ultimately fail us. With skateboarding, we could get hurt or lose interest; our friends could wrong us or ditch us; so if these are the things that make us who we are, who are we going to be when they aren’t there anymore? When we acknowledge that we were created by God, we also have to accept the fact that we were created for God. He created us to be loved by Him and for us to give our lives to Him. He is the only true thing that will never leave us or fail us. He is the eternity set on our hearts, and the only one that is worthy to make us who we are. Being defined by God is as simple as this: instead of being a skateboarder who loves Jesus, you become a follower of Jesus who loves to skateboard.

*Has there ever been a time in your life when something was more important to you than God? What was it?*

God made us, and if we let God define us we will start to become the person that He created us to be. When you start to become the person God created you to be and put your relationship with Jesus first in your life, you will find more joy in Him than anything else in this world. The purpose and reason for why God brought you to life will begin to finally make sense, because you are no longer searching for your eternity in temporary things, but you’ve found it in the everlasting God.

*What practical things can you do this week to keep God in the center of your life?*

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ." Philippians 3:8

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." 1 John 2:17

- PRAYER -

God, I thank you for drawing me to you and for putting the desire on my heart to know you. I pray that you help me to abandon my worldly desires, and find my life fully and completely in you. Only you are worthy of my heart, and only you are worthy to mold me into who you created me to be. Thank you for giving my wandering heart rest. In Jesus’ name, Amen!