



CAN CHRISTIANITY BE BOTH?

**ONWARD** youth

Afterward



# AFTERWARD

We recommend gathering together in the days after Onward to discuss and debrief the event. Open up a space and provide some food and hot chocolate. Allow youth to settle and get comfortable with a time of sharing about their week.

*Give the youth a few minutes to read through their Onward booklets/journals and recollect their thoughts and memories.*

## LOVE

Give everyone a piece of paper and ask youth to finish the sentence:

“what does Love look like ... from the perspective of the world?”

“what does Love look like ... from your perspective?”

*Come back and share responses.*

What differences are there?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

What is the Christian definition of Love?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

**Read 1 John 4:10.**

How does this differ from the world's definition/your own definition?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

How is the Christian definition of love good for us and for the world?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

How should the Christian definition of love change our actions?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

How can we share this Love with others?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

## JUSTICE

How would you define Justice? Think of examples of what justice looks like in action in the world.

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

What would the world be like without justice?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

What is the difference between judgment & Justice?

What is the difference? Does God's judgment achieve his justice?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

The Bible says that we must all face justice for how we have lived.

**Read Hebrews 4:13.**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

How does this make you feel?

*Allow for answers and discussion.*

What does the cross show us about ourselves and God's Justice?  
How does the cross give us hope?  
*Allow for answers and discussion.*

## FREEDOM



Which of these pictures is the best representation of freedom? Why? What do they tell us?  
What do these images reveal about the nature and limits of freedom?  
*Allow for answers and discussion.*

### **Read John 8:31-36.**

How can we know true freedom? Check out John 8:31, 32, 36.  
Why do you think Jesus says that "the truth" will set us free? Where do we find the truth?  
The opposite of freedom in Jesus is slavery to sin. What does it mean to be "a slave to sin" (John 8:34)?  
*Allow for answers and discussion.*

The Bible says that following Jesus is true freedom, but sometimes following and obeying Jesus doesn't feel like freedom. When do you feel this?  
*Allow time to reflect before sharing.*

## HOPE

*End on a note of encouragement.*  
How does following Jesus give you hope?

What have you learnt from Onward and in today's discussion that you want to hold on to?

How can we support each other to follow Jesus' true and good word in our community?  
*Pray together.*