

Discussion Questions
“Keeping Our Heads Up”
John 3:1-17

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1. What happens when you hear John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that whoever believes in Christ, shall not perish but have everlasting life”?
2. What is your experience and understanding of the Good News about Jesus? Do you feel comfortable sharing that. In what ways do you share this as good news to others?
3. How would you describe your relationship to God?
4. What is ZOE AINIOS? What does Jesus mean when you uses the term?
5. How does what Moses did in the desert when the Israelites where infested with snakes compare with the central message of who Jesus is and what he came to do?
6. What does it mean to look up to Jesus on the cross?
7. What is Jesus’ understanding of suffering?

8. Stephen Hawking said that life was changed for the better when he was diagnosed with ALS. Have you ever been reminded of your mortality in such a way that your life was changed?

9. In what ways does Forest Gump illustrate the way of Christ? How might that be helpful in the way you make meaning out of your own life.

10. Have you ever experienced what might be described as ZOE AIONIOS? If so is it something that tends to be an abiding presence with you or something that has come to you powerfully here and there over the course of your life?

11. What is the best way to open ourselves to ZOE AIONIOS?