

Temple Family Bible Study – May 3rd

Start the Conversation

There are some words in the English language that are spelled the same or sound the same but they mean something different from the other (i.e. aunt/ant, cell/sell). There are also words that are spelled the same and mean the same thing but they are pronounced differently depending on where you're from (i.e. tomato or potato). Set a timer (maybe 2-3 minutes) and ask each person to write down as many examples as they can think of. If needed, consider dividing into teams to make it a little easier. Share all your answers. You get one point for every answer that no one else had.

One word that is pronounced one way as a noun and a different way as a verb is **advocate**. **When you think of the word 'advocate,' what do you think of?** (You might need to look up some definitions of the word in a dictionary or online.)

Turn to the Bible

Read 1 John 2:1-2 and then ask the following questions.

Who does the Bible say is an advocate with God the Father on our behalf?

Read John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7. **Who else does the Bible say is our advocate with God the Father?**

According to the following verses, what makes Jesus our perfect advocate before God?

- Hebrews 4:15
- Luke 5:22 and Mark 2:8
- 1 Samuel 16:7

The first time we have record of Jesus serving as our advocate is in John 17. Read John 17:20-24. **What did Jesus advocate for all future believers in these verses?**

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus was praying for you the night he was arrested and tried and then crucified the next day?

Make a Plan

Spend some time this week reading and thinking about 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. **Make a list of all the blessings believers have because they are in Christ.** Answer the following questions:

- **Why did God choose to work through me?**
- **What did Jesus become to us who believe in Him? (1 Corinthians 1:30-31)**
- **How will I choose to live differently as a result of this study?**