



## Introduction

We all have tough questions. Sometimes they cause a little lingering doubt, while other times they can completely paralyze someone in their faith. Whether you believe in God or not, answering some of these tough questions might be just what you or someone else needs to take a next step. This weekend, the pastors across our campuses answered many of our questions live.

## Discussion

1. If you were not at campus this weekend, pull up the sermon online or ask someone from your local campus what questions were answered at the service. What did you learn about God through these tough questions? About the church's stance on the topic? What answers would you like to explore in more depth?
2. Take some time as a group to silently write out questions or struggles you have had in the past few months about the church, God, the Faith Line, the Bible, or your own personal walk. Share with the group one or two questions you would like to pursue in the next few weeks. As a group, decide on one or two of these topics to pursue in your next Bible study time.
3. Many times people or groups use the Bible as a way of controlling or condemning others, which can hinder growth in a person's faith and their relationships with others in the faith community. Share an experience when use of biblical passages created unhealthy spiritual or emotional burdens or perceptions. What have you done or studied to overcome this struggle? Pray about these situations and ask for spiritual discernment over them.

## Think About It

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. [Hebrews 4:12]*

We cannot discern what attitudes or behaviors are Christ-like without knowing what God has to say about it in the Bible. Yes, some areas are rather gray and are not directly answered in a Bible passage, but the more we study God's Word, pray in a relationship with Jesus and intentionally seek out healthy, discipling small groups, the clearer these answers will be and the more confidence we will have to stand for our God and His standard for our lives.

## Do Something

1. Spend some time this week in prayer about the struggle or question that you shared in question #2 above. Seek out godly counsel, take time to read and meditate on Bible verses pertaining to the struggle, and check out PLC resource page.
2. Help someone in your circle seek out answers to questions they have about the Bible, being a Christian, etc. Check out some resources, like the ones above, to help you give biblical advice.
3. Be transparent with your small group. Share. Pray. Mentor. Have courage to have the tough conversations.