

B I G Q U E S T I O N S

G O D , L I F E & H O W T H E T W O C O L L I D E

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Weekly Topic: Live Questions

Teaching Pastor: Live Panel

Introduction

During the weekend services, a discussion panel made up of some of our church leadership addressed questions that came directly from you. For your small group this week, we will be able to discuss the answers we heard and also explore answers to questions which were possibly not answered. Even though we may be uncomfortable sharing our fears and questions, it is important for us to be honest, as God desires for us to be honest. When we are honest with our fears and questions, we will have an opportunity to receive answers from both God and others. Remember, all questions are valid and are neither too "scary" nor larger than what God can answer.

Before moving on to the discussion section, your group may decide to review what a safe environment looks like for this discussion.

Discussion

What answer from the weekend service was the most surprising? Challenging? Would you disagree with any answers from this previous weekend? If so, why?

What question(s) are you struggling with? What do you do to attempt to answer these questions? What else could you do to answer the questions?

Which of your question(s) did not receive an answer this weekend? As a group, what can you do to seek answers to these questions?

Think about it

Every person seems to have questions they struggle to answer. Job questioned why he had many sufferings. Paul questioned why he had the thorn in his side. Even Jesus questioned God the Father as to why He felt abandoned. Questioning seems to be normal for us humans. Why do you think God allows us to go through times of questioning? How do these questions affect our Christian walk?

Do Something

Do you know someone questioning God or the Christian faith? Invite them to communicate their questions with you or invite them to attend one of our weekend services.

Take 30 minutes this week to enter into an honest dialogue with God about your big questions. Start by asking your questions out loud or writing them down. Spend some time listening for God's voice and write down what you experience.

Find a Psalm that captures one of your own questions or worries. Refer to this Psalm throughout the week and consider how the Psalmist speaks to God about his troubles. What does the Psalmist reveal about God?