



Week One | Unanswered Questions > Easy Answers | 09.17-18.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal study time or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: The version of faith that most people learn and adopt as kids answer the kid-sized questions we bring to it but as we grow older and the questions get harder sometimes our faith doesn't get stronger. We need to re-assemble our faith in a way that holds up to the pressures we face as adults. You don't have to deconstruct your faith to find what works, let's discover a re-assembled faith together.

» Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting or if there are new members.
- Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - Open your time together in prayer.

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Where is your favorite place to find a quick answer?
- Digging Deeper: What are some easy answers about God/The Bible/Truth that you have been told or shared with someone else?

» Observation | Read Proverbs 18:17; Genesis 3:1-6; Job 42:1-6

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Unanswered questions are better than easy answers.

(12 minutes)

- Can you think of an easy answer that has been comforting to you in the past? How so?
- What is a difficult or unanswerable question that challenges you? In what ways have you struggled with this question?

» Easy Answers | Reread Proverbs 18:17; Matthew 19:14; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 13:8-12

(12 minutes)

- How does the simplicity of childlike thinking grow our faith?
- Which lends itself to a deeper belief in God: embracing His love, or being impressed by his followers' wisdom?

» Hard Questions | Reread Genesis 3:1-6; 1 Samuel 28:6-21; 30:7-8; 30:17-19

(12 minutes)

- What do you turn to when faced with hard questions: logic, faith, study or giving up? Why do you think that is?
- Reread the passages from 1 Samuel and compare Saul and David. How did their acceptance of difficult situations affect them differently?

» Beautiful Nuance | Reread Job 42:1-6; 38:1-38; 42:1-6

(12 minutes)

- How did Job's perspective change after being reminded of God's eternal role compared to ours?
- Do we trust God to work through our hard questions? Is the Bible enough of an answer for us today?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Are there easy answers that you have accepted in your faith that probably need to have hard questions asked about them?
- Close by praying for one another to ask the difficult questions and find the difficult answers.