



Week Four | Clarity > Certainty | 10.08-09.2022

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: Share about a time you felt out of place!
- Digging Deeper: How do we have to fight the unhealthy expectations of others in our lives today?

» Observation | Read Luke 7:36-50

(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 | Grace can overpower guilt.

(12 minutes)

- What are the physical and emotional manifestations of guilt in our lives?
- Was there a situation in your life where someone offered you undeserved grace? How did it affect you?

» Strange Company | Reread Luke 7:29-30,36-38, 15:1-2; Matthew 8:2-3; John 8:2-11, 9:1-7,35-41

(12 minutes)

- What mission do you see in Jesus' interactions with crowds? To whom does He gravitate?
- Does healing occur in unclean environments? Discuss the similarities of cleansing, healing and baptism.

» Strained Expectations | Reread Luke 7:39-43; Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 13:8-14

(12 minutes)

- How does our sin create a debt? How does Jesus' payment of that debt-free us to love and forgive others?
- What role do quarreling and jealousy play in keeping us indebted to sin? How are we like the Pharisees?

» Satisfied Sinfulness | Reread Luke 7:44-50; Isaiah 58:1-11; Matthew 11:29-30

(12 minutes)

- Compare the acts of service offered by the Pharisee and the sinful woman. Which are more heartfelt and honest?
- God sees us and desires our freedom from wickedness, oppression, and heavy yokes. Why do we settle for less?

» Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- What do you need to do to remind yourself of how desperate you are for Jesus?
- Close by praying for one another to seek clarity over certainty right now.