

DEAR PARENTS

We want to partner with you to lead your student through their faith journey. We know it can be challenging, and you might not know where to start. Don't worry! Here are some questions about tonight's message that you can ask your student after groups to kick-start the conversation.

Hot Line

Everyone has questions but we often avoid them. We become filled with thoughts like, "What if everyone knows the answer and I don't? What will they think of me? What if my question is a dumb question?" In this 3-week series, we will look at how wrestling with our questions in community can lead us to something beautiful. Each week we will cover specific questions asked by students regarding God, the Bible, and Culture.

Ask:

- 1. What are some reasons that someone might be skeptical about the Bible? What are things you have heard from your friends?**
 - a. This is meant to be an introduction question. Get them talking about some of their concerns if they have any.
- 2. Tonight's message talked about 3 reasons why we might read the Bible and incorrectly and disregard it. Is there one that resonated with you?**
 - a. Literature Problem – The Bible is a collection of different genres. We might be reading a genre incorrectly. (Ex: You cannot read a Hebrew poetry as literal. A poem communicates truth differently)
 - b. Historical Problem – The Bible was written by specific authors in a specific time and place. To read the Bible correctly we must be informed on these things. The Bible was also passed down/copied throughout history very carefully. Not knowing the process and historical evidence might cause us to question it
 - c. Sin Problem – Sin has caused us to have "darkened minds". Without the Holy Spirit given to us at salvation, we are unable to see and accept God's truth. Our rebellious nature is insensitive to it. We need God to open the eyes of our heart.
- 3. What does it mean to build your life on the Bible and its' truth?**
 - a. God has given us the written word as a way to reveal himself and truth regarding him and his kingdom. They comfort in struggle and rebuke us in our sin by pointing us to truth. They ultimately reveal God's plan of salvation in Christ.