



We value asking questions to better understand how to live life in a God-centered, Christ-exalting way. We believe that church should be the best place in which people can get solid answers to life's questions.

1. A student at the retreat in my small group asked why do we ask the Lord to "Lead us not into temptation" when we pray the Lord's Prayer? If the Lord does not tempt us. Also, should the Lord choose to test us, isn't that good? I have wrestled with this same verse in trying to understand. The Word of God tells us that the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. If we are in Christ, and Christ has fulfilled all for us- does the petition to lead us not into temptation show that we are trusting in the finished work that Christ has done? He was tempted and without sin. Would love to hear what y'all have to say on this topic.
2. I come in contact with many people from all walks of life and religious beliefs and I often engage with these individuals by eating meals with them that they may have prepared. Should I, as Christian, refrain from eating foods such as halal, kosher, or other religious foods prepared/made according to religious laws or ceremonies?
3. I homeschool my kids and last year we were going over the early American time period. We learned about the Boston Tea Party and all the events that led to the war for Independence. I've always taught them they needed to obey and respect the authorities God puts over them, with the exception being anything that goes against what the Bible teaches us. In our studies, while I am so grateful for all that transpired, I'm not aware that England ever passed down a law that was against Biblical teaching, so how do we justify the forefathers' actions for war? I had a hard time discussing that with my kids. On a more personal and contemporary note, I have a cousin who is Christian, but very liberal and very politically active. She's constantly going to demonstrations, and while I think voicing your opinion, especially if it's for the welfare of others, is a great thing, how can I best teach my kids the balance that needs to come with that, especially in a world were superheroes and vigilantes, who often take actions into their own hands, are so abundantly praised?