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I have no idea where I read this. Since on September 22nd our very own Salado UMC will hosts the 5th Quarter for area Youth after Salado Eagles Homecoming Game, I reasoned that it was worth thinking as some young people do this week.

Here are fifteen things that teenagers ask about when given the chance to do so anonymously:

1. How do I know what God's will is? How do I know if I'm called to ministry?
2. What's wrong with rock/country/CCM/jazz music? How can you tell what music is good and what is bad?
3. What do you do if you have parents/siblings who are living the wrong way? (one way in church, another way at home)? How do you avoid wrong influences when you live with them?
4. How do you take a stand with your friends/what do you do when you have a friend that is becoming rebellious?
5. How do you separate from bad friends without hurting them or making them think you're stuck up? How can I be a witness to my friends and still be accepted?
6. What's wrong with holding hands, kissing, etc., before marriage?
7. Why is it so hard to be consistent in the Christian life as a teenager?
8. Why are we supposed to dress differently/wear non-worldly clothes? (What is appropriate and modest clothing and why?)
9. What's wrong with going to the movies? (and other issues of separation)
10. How do you get over/deal with a broken relationship (dating & friendships)?
11. Why does God allow trials/temptations to come into our lives?
12. What does having a relationship/walk with God really mean?
13. Should I go to Bible college for a year after high school?
14. In dealing with authority, how can I explain things or make a point without sounding argumentative or disrespectful? Why do authority figures sometimes assume they know what you are thinking?
15. How do I deal with people and problems in my life that have hurt me deeply?

These questions reveal a lot of real life issues and a strong desire to know "why" or "how." As adults, we ignore this list to our own detriment. This is what our young adults/teens are seeking to understand. This is what has them tied up in knots. This is what holds them back spiritually, emotionally, etc.

Thankfully, God's Word has answers to every issue—and it's up to us to apply God's truth and make it come alive.

Teens and young adults are blessing to God and I pray that we appreciate these gifts with grace and understanding. —David Mosser