

CBF STUDENT MINISTRY (6TH-12TH GRADE)

I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU? The Search for Answers

Why does evil exist if God is good and sovereign? What is the deal with that serpent being in the garden? How is the end of the world going to happen? How should we understand cultural issues of our day like LGBTQ? Can a Christian lose their salvation? How do we interpret and apply weird OT laws today?

These are just a few of the questions that our teens have been asking as they desire biblical, gospel-centered answers to these pressing issues. What is amazing about our savior is that Jesus was never one to shy away or dodge questions. We see time and time again how Christ engages skeptics, religious zealots and experts of the law with their many questions about Him and His interpretation of scripture and theology. He patiently walks through issues of worship and sin with the woman at the well. He thoughtfully discusses being born again with Nicodemus who came at night with his questions out of fear. He answers Scribes and Pharisees hoping to catch him in error with biblical authority upholding the OT scriptures.

One of the primary issues of our day is that idea of ultimate authority. There was a time in history when absolute truth was not a debatable concept. Issues of right and wrong were determined not by ourselves but by a greater authority outside of ourselves. As we fast forward to today, the fastest growing religion is the worship of the autonomous self. This religion teaches Authority resides within me to determine right and wrong (which is what Adam and Eve wanted from the fruit) and how I am to live my life. To introduce an absolute authority like the God of the universe as revealed in The Bible is an unwelcome voice in the conversation. We see this type of logic playing out in the book of Job as Job and his friends try to speak to the Lord's motives and reasons for Job's suffering. Eventually, Job, who had tired of the long litany of being blamed, then turns and asks God to speak to him.

What Job gets is an answer although likely not the one he expected. God asks Job, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" He then walks Job through the wisdom of God in all of creation that is far beyond his understanding but never answers Job's why question. What we find in Job after this is not frustration but humble satisfaction as one who realized that he did not need an answer so much as an encounter with the Living God. Job rescinds his inquiries realizing just how much he does not understand and a vision of the Lord is sufficient to meet Job where He is. The truth is we will not get all of the answers to our questions this side of eternity but Job would tell us that He is enough for us and faithful to meet and sustain us in the midst of the search.

YOUTH GROUP 6 TO 7:30PM IN THE FLC

We have fun, we eat unhealthy food together, we study God's Word and then seek to help one another apply it to our lives. Right now, we are in a series called Questions that seeks to engage and address the toughest areas of our theology and scripture!