



## Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

5/5/2024

**MESSAGE:** Curious Questions

**WEEK#2**

**SERIES: Jesus Story:** Hurts, Healings & Heresy

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Josh Ramsey

**CHECKIN' IN:** How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

**THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE:** These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Which do you enjoy more: Being asked questions about your life or do you enjoy asking questions to find out more about someone else's life? Please explain your answer.
2. What is a question you often ask God? What is a question you want to ask God when you see him in heaven? Why are these questions important to you?
3. Read John 3:1-2. Discuss why you think Nicodemus waited until night time to visit Jesus?
4. Nicodemus confirmed Jesus' impact and influence in John 3:2b. How does your life express evidence that you are a follower of Jesus? What is one specific example?
5. Read John 3:3-4. What is Jesus telling Nicodemus here? How does Nicodemus respond? What does it mean to you to be "born again", "born anew" or "born from above"?
6. In John 3:13 Jesus references an Old Testament story that Pharisee Nicodemus would have been very familiar with and even had memorized. (See Numbers 21:4-9). What about this account sounds mythical or foolish? What are some connections between what took place in Numbers 21 and what Jesus did on the cross?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18. Why does Paul say that the message of the cross is foolish? To whom does he direct the foolishness? What message does the cross express to the Jesus follower?
8. Read John 3:16. Why do you think this verse is so powerful and so widely known? How do you see God's love expressed to the world? What message does it convey to the believer and to the nonbeliever?
9. What does it mean "to believe in him". Can you think of some examples of how this is to be lived out?
10. In the less familiar John 3:17, it tells us why God sent His son into the world. What was the reason? What is our role as Christ followers in carrying out this reason?
11. How do you know when you are hungry or thirsty physically? Would you say you are spiritually "filled" or still curious, still hungry, for God? What are some spiritual indicators of your answer?



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12. Take time to thank God for his unconditional love for you. Thank him for his desire to heal, restore, bless, comfort, provide, and save you. Thank him for sending us Jesus to die in our place for our sins in order to give us new life in him. Celebrate what he has done for you and praise him for what he will do in and through you in the future.
13. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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**2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE:** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

### INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

**Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.**

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
  2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
  3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
  - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
  - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
  - **Pray for the person on your right, it can be out loud or in silence,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
  - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
  - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**