TALK IT OVER

It's OK to Ask

Week 3
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Icebreaker: How old was Adam when God created him?

2 Helpful Elements:

- ✓ Bible: All things are equally important, but not equally applicable.
- ✓ God always has a "why" behind the "what."

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1. Does hell really exist and does God send people there?

Hebrew Words for hell in the Old Testament

- *Sheol* = grave, pit
- *Abaddon* = destruction

Greek/Aramaic Words for hell in the New Testament:

- *Hades* = equivalent to Hebrew *Sheol*; decay, desolation
- *Tartarus* = lowest depth of Hades
- *Gehenna* = where they burned garbage/sacrificed children
- *Lake of Fire* = Book of Revelation

John 3:16-17 (NLT) "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

2. Will my dog/pet be with me in heaven?

Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT) Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the

wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground." So God created human beings in his own image.

Isaiah 11:6 (NLT) In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all.

3. What does God say about sex outside of marriage?

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT) Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

sexual sin = *porneia* = any sex outside of marriage

4. Can the Bible really be true if it was written by ordinary men?
2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

5. Does Genesis chapter 1 mean literal 24-hour days? *Genesis 1:3 (NLT)*
Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that it was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." Together these made up one day.

Hebrew word *yom* = English word "day"

6. What exactly is speaking in tongues (and does it happen today)?
Acts 2:4 (NLT) And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

1 Corinthians 13:7-9 (NLT) Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

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