

TALK IT OVER

It's OK to Ask

Week 4

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Icebreaker: How has the *It's OK To Ask* series impacted you?

2 Helpful Elements:

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

It's OK to Ask

1. How is God 3 entities: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

The actual word “Trinity” is not found in the NT, but God revealed being *triune* is.

Matthew 28:19- “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

Helpful Image: A Triangle- one shape with 3 distinct angles.

One God with 3 distinct persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Different roles, but equal in substance/ “godness.”

2. Is it a sin to watch R-rated movies or play M-Rated videogames?

Simply put, it can be.

Matthew 5: 29-30 "If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."

Questions to help determine if the movie/ game may lead you into sin

Why is it rated R? Language, gore, nudity, all of the above?

Killing in movies-fake

Nudity- actual actors bodies

Language- frequent demeaning/ belittling of others

Why do you want to watch it?

What do you feel and think about after you watch movies like that?

Does it lead you to ways of thinking and acting you end up regretting?

What are you vulnerable to?

Lust

Anger/ violence

Language

1 Corinthians 6:18- "Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body."

3. What happens to kids if they pass before they can understand what Jesus did for them?

There is a point in a child's development when they learn right from wrong (Isaiah 7:16)

Romans 1:18-20 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."

2 Samuel 12:23 "But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Therefore, if a baby, child, or someone mentally handicapped who is not able to see and understand the Gospel passes away, they will go to be with Jesus in Heaven for eternity.

4. Will we immediately go to heaven when we die?

Luke 23: 39-43 "One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

5. If God knows what is going to happen before it happens, why do we have to pray for our needs?

James 4:2-3 "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

6. What do I do with my unanswered questions and doubts?

Bring them to God

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Bring them to others

AND Trust God while you are searching.

Faith is having reasons AND trusting when you don't have all the reasons.

7. Am I supposed to feel something when I take Communion?

Communion, like prayer and Bible reading, is a spiritual activity.

The longer you are a Christian, the more you learn that heightened emotional experiences during these activities, come and go.

Sometimes overwhelmed with sadness and gratitude
Sometimes, we simply remember.

What is going on inside of us can negatively impact us:

Unconfessed sin

Unrepented sin

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Each one must examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep."

Taking Communion is both a symbol and spiritual act (remembrance, inviting God into the moment)

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