

## :: Summary

Sometimes we have big questions of God but we wonder whether we can direct our hard or pain-filled questions to God. We hesitate, wondering whether or not it is reverent to do so or whether it shows a lack of faith or trust. Yet Scripture is full of examples of godly people bringing hard questions to God demonstrating that questioning God is a good thing, if done with the right spirit. Questions help us earnestly seek God and enable us to engage with God at deep levels. Questions are a way in which we bring our extraordinary pain to God to be healed, our doubt to be assured, and our lack of knowledge to gain understanding. God invites you to ask him anything!

## :: Share

What is one of the earliest questions you remember asking God?

## :: Explore and Discuss

Read Luke 1:26-45. Imagination brings biblical stories to life. Imagine yourself in Mary's place (guys, you too). Following the angel Gabriel's announcement in vv. 30-33, what would your question(s) have been?

Read Luke 1:8-20. What is the wrong way to ask questions of God? Be careful with your answer this is a tricky question. For an additional example, see Genesis 3:1.

Read Psalm 22:1-5 and Habakkuk 1:2-4, 12-17. What is required to *rightly* bring our hardest questions, brought out of the deepest pain, to God?

## :: Apply it to Your Life

What qualities in Mary do you see that you wish to have in greater abundance in your life?

What is the connection between Jesus' question (Matthew 27:46) and your life?

How comfortable do you feel about seriously questioning God? Based on your answer, how does that affect your nearness to God?

What questions do you have for God in this season of life?

## :: Pray

Thank you heavenly Father that you are with us in our questioning. We pray for humble hearts, spiritual integrity, and greater desire to know you deeply, so that we might rightly bring our questions to your throne of grace. We praise you that you invite our



questions as a way of growing closer to you. Give us ears to hear and hearts ready to respond to your answers that we might honor you even in our questioning. Amen.

