

2018 Summer Sermon Series - Searching for Truth: Because You Asked

Date	Sermon Title	Topic	Scripture
June 30/July 1	The Questions We Can Answer, and the Questions We Can't	Series Introduction	Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
July 7/8	How Can We Reconcile the Book of Genesis and Science?	Creation	Gen. 1:1-2; John 1:1-5; Rom. 1:19-21
July 14/15	Why Can It Be So Hard to forgive?	Forgiving Others	Luke 7:36-50
July 21/22	Why Should I Trust the Bible?	Reliability of Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 3:15-1
July 28/29	How Can I Be Assured that Sin Won't Win in My Daily Life?	Sin	John 13:1-17
August 4/5	What Does the Bible Say About Gender?	Gender/Sexuality	
August 11/12	What Is the Nature of God?	Nature of God	
August 18/19	What Will Heaven Be Like?	Heaven	
August 25/26	Is There Only One Way to Heaven?	Salvation	Acts 4:5-12; Romans 1:18-21
September 1/2	How Does the Holy Spirit Impact Me?	Daily Christian Living	John 14:15-19; Galatians 5:22-23

Notes for Group Leaders

Since there will be various preachers this summer and often there will be not be regular sermon transcripts, listen well and take good notes! These discussion guides are shorter than normal with just a few questions for each week. As you listen to the sermon, you may come up with a few of your own.

Here are some good general discussion questions that you can use each week in addition to those provided:

[Q] What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be:

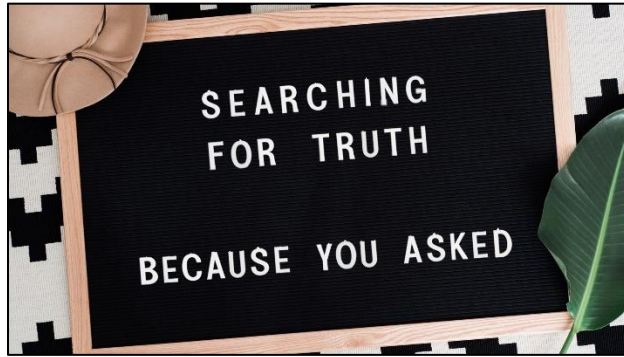
Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.

[Q] What does this passage/message tell you about God?

[Q] How does this passage/message help you love and worship Jesus more?

[Q] Has God shown you sin in your life that needs to be fought with God's help?

[Q] Is there any action you want to take as a result of the message and hearing the Word of God?



1. The Questions We Can Answer and the Questions We Can't **July 1, 2018**

1. What attributes of God do you see in Romans 11:33-36?
2. Why do you think God has not revealed everything or answered every question we may have?
3. What important questions has God answered in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11?
4. What are some other important questions God has answered through the Bible?

2. How Can We Reconcile the Book of Genesis and Science? **July 8, 2018**

Read Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3 and Job 38:1-7.

1. What are the most important questions that the Bible answers regarding creation of the world?
2. What questions are *not* answered in the Genesis creation account?
3. From the weekend message, how do we know that science cannot conflict with the Bible?
4. Read Romans 1:19-20. Creation reveals what attributes of God?
5. Read Acts 17:24-31. If God created the world and everything in it, what are the implications for your life?

Helpful resource book for these and other questions: *Keeping Your Kid's on God's Side: 40 Conversations to help them build a lasting faith* by Natasha Crain

3. Why Can It Be So Hard to Forgive? | July 15, 2018

Why is it so difficult to forgive someone when we've been wronged? Jesus gives us the proper perspective of forgiveness when we truly understand how much we have been forgiven.

Read Luke 7:36-50.

1. What was your status before God forgave you?

Romans 5:6, 10

Colossians 1:21

Ephesians 2:1-3

2. What is your status before God now?

Romans 8:1

Colossians 1:13-14

3. As a believer in Jesus, how much have you been forgiven by God? Why is it so crucial to understand this?

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:12-13

4. What does it mean to forgive as *the Lord has forgiven you*?

5. How would you advise a fellow Christian who is struggling to forgive, to grow in their understanding of God's forgiveness and grace towards them?

Case study – Read about Joseph forgiving his brothers in Genesis 50:15-21. What hints in the passage help us to see how was Joseph able to do forgive the heinous crimes against him?

Resource book: *When You've Been Wronged: Moving from Bitterness to Forgiveness* by Erwin W. Lutzer

4. Why Should I Trust the Bible? | July 22, 2018

1. What claims does the Bible make about itself?

2 Timothy 3:16

Psalm 119:160; John 17:17

Psalm 119:105; Luke 4:4

2 Peter 3:15-16

2. What would you say to someone who picks and chooses some Scripture and leaves out what they don't like?

3. Does the Bible have the highest authority in your life? What does that look like?

See more at: gotquestions.org/Bible-reliable.html

5. How Can I Be Assured that Sin Won't Win in My Daily Life?

July 29, 2018

Read John 13:1-17.

1. We are already clean in God's eyes, but still need Christ's cleansing. What does this passage teach us about allowing Jesus to cleanse us daily?

What humility is required to do so?

2. What area of obedience do you need God's help with? What hope is offered in this passage and this week's message?

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