

ASKING FOR A FRIEND week two

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.

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Series Overview: “Everybody has questions—about faith, God, Scripture, spirituality. Well, OTHER people do; obviously not YOU. So, we thought we’d take a few weeks to talk through some things people we know wonder about and wrestle with, from both inside and outside of the church. And you get to eavesdrop. Because CLEARLY these aren’t your questions. They all came from other people, and even they were just asking for a friend.”

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Ice Breaker - Would you rather go into the past and meet your ancestors or go into the future and meet your great-great grandchildren?

Q1 – Have you ever had a question about the Bible but didn’t know who to ask? Did you resolve that tension? [Be careful to not turn this question into a time of debate or arguments about the Bible.]

Q2 – The message centered around the question “Is the Bible Reliable?” Discuss a time in your life where you have found the Bible or a portion of scripture to be a reliable source of strength, guidance or hope?

Q3 – There were several points in the message that were designed to show overwhelming evidence of the Bible’s reliability. Which point stood out to you the most and why?

Q4 – In **John 5:39** Jesus said “You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me.” What do you think Jesus meant by this?

Q5 – Read **2 Timothy 3:15-17**. What does this passage speak to you? Why is God’s Word valuable to our every day life?

Q6 – Think about it: **What are some things you need to begin doing daily that would grow your relationship with Jesus?**

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Check out some resources: Read around Genesis 32 for the full story. Check out: “A Flexible Faith: Rethinking what it means to follow Jesus today.” by Bonnie Kristian

//THE POINT

We believe that the Bible is inspired by God: true and trustworthy, unailing in all matters of faith and practice.

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2 Timothy 3:16 - 16 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.

//PRAY

Take time to pray for the needs in your group. Pray that we would be confident asking questions and creating a church that welcomes questions and doubts. Pray that we always remain a safe place for unchurch people. Pray for everyone to take next steps in growing their personal relationship with Jesus this week!