

# ASKING FOR A FRIEND week four

\*\*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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## //TALK

**Ice Breaker** - Would you rather have a rewind button or a pause button on your life?

**Q1** – Have you ever had anyone ask you a question, especially about your faith, that you simply couldn’t answer? Talk about it.

**Q2** – John 11 opens with the story of Lazarus being very sick. Take a moment to read up on the story and talk about why you think Jesus may have taken his time?

**Q3** – Read **John 11:18-21, 37** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? Why do you think Martha runs to Jesus and Mary stays inside? What would be going through your mind if you were in Martha’s place?

**Q4** – The statement was made, “**We play a part in building God’s Kingdom on earth through our reactions to disaster and calamity that none of us have any control over.**” Do you agree?

**Q5** – Read **Hosea 6:6** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? What do you think Jesus meant by quoting this passage?

**Q6** – Think about it: **We don’t know why every bad thing happens but maybe we have a responsibility to do something.** What can you practically do to help people?

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## //GO DEEPER

Check out some resources: Read about Jesus’ encounter with Matthew in Chapter 9 of Matthew. Read Micah 6:8 and think about how you can practically live out all 3 things mentioned.

## //THE POINT

**We may not know why every bad thing happens but we can do something to help people see God through them.**

## //MEMORIZE

**Micah 6:8 - He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

## //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 unchurched people. Pray for those who have experienced major challenges and injustices. Pray for our nation, city, hearts to heal and be agents of change for those around us.