

# ASKING FOR A FRIEND week five

\*\*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 dog with a cat’s personality or a cat with a dog’s personality?

**Q1** – Have you ever had one of those “epiphany” moments? Where you didn’t understand something then someone helped explain it in a way that finally made sense...and boom, your “aha moment” or “light bulb” moment happened. Talk about it.

**Q2** – Would you agree that “**We all crave a compass, a path, a scaffolding around which to structure our lives**”? Why or why not?

**Q3** – Read **John 14:9** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? Consider reading a few of the verses around v9 for context as well. Why do you think Philip is asking Jesus this question?

**Q4** – The statements were made, “**Jesus is not a representative FOR God, he’s a representation OF God**” & “**Christianity isn’t about what we need to do to get to God. It’s about what God already did to get to us.**” What are your thoughts about these statements? Why do you agree or disagree with them?

**Q5** – Read **Romans 5:8** — [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? Why is this important to the Christian life?

**Q6** – Think about it: **The basis of Christianity isn’t earning & achieving, it’s receiving & reflecting. Not only is it not like other religions, it’s the OPPOSITE of most other religions.**

**Q7** - Read **John 13:34**. What would change if all Christians really took this passage to heart? How would it affect the current climate of our culture?

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Check out some resources: Read John 3:16-17. Read John 13. Check out “A Case for Christ” for more.

//THE POINT

**Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.**

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**John 13:34 - So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you.**

//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.