

DAY 4

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR GOD?

Imagine that you don't know anything about one of your parents. What questions would you ask to get to know them? Write a few in the space below:

Pick a couple of the questions and ask one of your parents today. Then tomorrow, pick a couple more. Get in the habit of asking questions to get to know the people around you better.

But also get in the habit of taking your questions to God.

Maybe questions like . . .

How did you make the world?
Why do bad things happen?
Why did you send Jesus knowing He would die?

Many times the answers to the questions you have can be found in the Bible. Sometimes they can be found when we talk to God or other people about them. And sometimes we won't find the answers, and we'll just have to trust God, knowing that He's bigger, wiser and more powerful than anything we're facing.

We can find hope when we remember that God is bigger than our questions.

HOPE
BELIEVING THAT SOMETHING GOOD
CAN COME OUT OF SOMETHING BAD

DAY 1

Read Proverbs 25:16

Jesus had been crucified. His followers had seen it with their own eyes. Then they moved His body to a tomb. And then, on the third day, they saw Him—alive!

But not everyone did. One of the disciples wasn't there. And so Thomas didn't believe. But can you blame him? I mean, he had likely been there when Jesus was crucified. And people don't just come back from the dead, do they? I would probably have had questions and doubts too. Wouldn't you?

Here's the great news: Jesus didn't seem bothered in the slightest by Thomas' doubts or questions. Instead, Jesus showed up again. When Thomas was there. And Jesus held out His hands. He told Thomas to touch His side.

Instead of being angry that Thomas didn't believe without seeing first, Jesus graciously answered Thomas' questions. God's plan was bigger than Thomas could imagine. God's plan is bigger than you or I can imagine. So God can handle our questions. He's bigger than all of them. Ask away, He's not intimidated!

Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.

DAY 2

Thomas was a pretty lucky guy. It's not every day that you get to take your questions about Jesus to Jesus Himself.

Jesus wasn't bothered by Thomas' questions, and He won't be bothered by yours. In fact, asking questions about God TO God is one way you can get to know Him better. And there's nothing God wants more than for you to get to know Him.

Normally when you pray, you probably ask for help with problems, or thank God for the gifts He's given you. Today, try talking to God about your questions.

Your questions might be about God's work in the world: like, "How do you manage to hear ALL our prayers at one time?!"

Or your question might be about YOUR world. Like, "Why did you let my grandma get sick?"

Of course, the main difference between you and Thomas is that you probably won't hear God's voice directly answering your questions. But what you may find is that God answers your questions in other ways through your faith and friendships.

Either way, **remember God is bigger than your questions.**

God gives us hope in every dark day. He keeps His promises and helps us when we doubt. He gives answers to our faith questions, and He never stops working in our lives.

End your prayer by thanking God for His unconditional love that welcomes doubts and questions because He just wants us to know Him.

PRAY
TO GOD

DAY 3

If you could have dinner with any famous or special person, living or dead, and ask them any question you wanted to, who would you choose?

What would you ask them?

Why do you want to know that?

You'd probably want to ask them a lot of questions so you could get to know them better, wouldn't you? Do you think your questions would hurt their feelings? Not if they knew why you asked them, right?

God wants you to ask your questions too. In fact, He'd much prefer that you ask your questions instead of keeping them to yourself.

Talking to God about your questions is fantastic.

But He's not the only one you can ask. He's put people in your life that can also handle your questions about God. You can ask your leaders at church, your parents, or grandparents. There are most likely several people around you who would love to talk about your faith AND your doubts.

You might even find that they have some questions too. And probably some questions that they feel like got answered over their years of following Jesus.

You may not be able to have dinner with a famous person, but you do have a chance to reach out to people in your life who follow Jesus.

TALK
ABOUT GOD