

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide
Tough Questions – Week Two
Teaching by Pastor Jackson

WARM-UP QUESTION

- Have you ever wrestled with a question about God or faith that felt difficult to ask out loud? What was it?
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DISCUSS

1. A Church That Welcomes Questions

Pastor Jackson shared that one of the strengths of our church culture is that we do not run from doubts, uncertainty, or hard questions. Instead, we bring them into the light and let Scripture guide us.

- Why do you think many people feel nervous about asking hard questions about faith?
- Why is it important that truth can stand up to questions?

Read *James 1:5*

- How does this verse encourage us when we are searching for answers?
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2. What About Those Who Never Had the Chance?

This week's central question focused on those who may never have had a clear opportunity to respond to Jesus, including children, those with intellectual disabilities, or people in places where the gospel is restricted. Pastor Jackson reminded us that God is loving, just, fair, and righteous.

Read *Mark 10:13-14*

- What do Jesus' words reveal about His heart toward children?
- How does trusting God's justice bring peace when we do not know every answer?
- How does God's fairness shape the way you think about those with intellectual disabilities who may not be able to fully understand or respond?
- What hope do you find when thinking about people in nations or communities where hearing the gospel is difficult or dangerous?
- Why is it comforting to know that God sees every circumstance more clearly than we do?

3. God's Desire Is Salvation

Scripture shows that God's heart is not to exclude people, but to rescue them. He desires that all would come to know Him.

Read *1 Timothy 2:3-4*

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- How does this verse shape the way you view God's character?
- Why is it important to remember that God wants people saved more than we do?

Read *Matthew 25:34, 41*

- What do these verses show about what God intended from the beginning?
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4. God's Love Is Vast, The Way Is Narrow

Pastor Jackson taught that while God's love reaches wide, salvation comes through one person, Jesus Christ.

Read *John 14:6* and *Acts 4:12*

- Why do many people struggle with Jesus being the only way?
 - Why does Jesus being the only Savior actually highlight the uniqueness of what He accomplished?
 - How can we hold firmly to truth while still showing compassion and humility?
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5. God Reveals Himself to Every Person

Romans teaches that God has given every person two witnesses: conscience and creation.

Read *Romans 2:14-15*

- How have you seen conscience point people toward right and wrong?
- Why do you think humanity still struggles to live up to what we know is right?

Read *Romans 1:20*

- How does creation reveal God's power and goodness?
 - When have you felt awe or wonder that pointed your heart toward God?
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6. Our Responsibility to Share Jesus

Pastor Jackson closed by turning the question back to us: What are we doing to help give people a chance to accept Jesus?

- Why is it easy to discuss theology but harder to live missionally?
 - Who in your life needs an invitation, conversation, or act of love that points them to Jesus?
 - What practical step can you take this month to help someone move closer to Christ?
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SERVE DAY INVITE

Serve Day is Saturday, June 13th. This is a great opportunity for your small group to make a difference together and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Talk as a group about serving together and visit our website for more information.

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best reflects where you are right now?

- I have questions I need to bring honestly before God.
 - I need to trust God's justice more deeply.
 - I need to grow in confidence that Jesus is the only Savior.
 - I need to be more intentional about sharing my faith.
 - I want to serve others and make a difference through action.
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PRAYER

Close by thanking God that He is loving, just, and trustworthy even when we do not have every answer. Thank Him for revealing Himself through Jesus, creation, and conscience. Ask Him to give your group compassion for those far from God, courage to share the gospel, and unity as you serve others together.