

March 24, 2024 - Questions: A Question for Life

Feel free to **PICK AND CHOOSE** some of the questions below to engage with as a group. Before you leave, be sure to spend some time going over the **Top 3** things your group members need to know.

Connect:

Robert showed us an old copy of the Book of Psalms, the first book printed in America in 1640. What's the oldest book you've ever read?
Do you enjoy reading older books or struggle to find their relevance for today?

Engage:

Read Mark 14:26, James 5:13, and Ephesians 5:19

Why do you think that songs have such an important role in the Christian faith?
Share a time in your life that a song blessed you in a difficult season of your life.

"When you're young, you tend to think that 'happiness is inevitable', but as you get older, that feeling gets replaced by 'happiness is unattainable'. Psalms doesn't teach either, instead it teaches us that 'happiness is possible.'"

How have you wrestled with these thoughts?

What freedom is offered to us if we trust in the promise that 'happiness is possible' offers?

Read Psalm 22:1-7

We see the writer express "I am a worm."

What is it about suffering that takes us to deep feelings of self-resentment?

"As a church, our gift to the world is community."

What is so unique about Christian community?

What does Christian community have to offer than nothing else can?

Read Psalm 22:15-21

"Determined people keep persisting in their asking."

When there's something that God's put on your heart or that you need, how good are you at persistently asking God for what you desire?

Read Psalm 22:22-25 & 22:30-31

How can shifting our perspective in a time of struggle or trial help us?

How does the promise that "God's Final Kingdom" will eclipse and bring purpose to our current pain help us to face our trials well?

Apply:

Looking back over the past weeks in this sermon series, Questions, do you feel like your question-asking relationship to God has changed? If so, how?

Prayer:

Jesus, we thank you for the way you made yourself familiar with suffering in exchange for our life. You have brought beauty from ashes and exchanged every bad thing for every good thing. Help us, Holy Spirit, to face our trials, pain, and sufferings well in order that we may be made more like you, both in this life and in the life to come. Comfort us with the promise that you will make all things new and reveal to us the purpose of our pain in your coming Kingdom.

Top 3:

Easter is this Sunday - here are 3 things you need to know:

We will not have regular Wednesday night programming on campus the week of Easter, Wednesday, March 27.

Good Friday Night of Worship - March 29 at 6:00 pm

Plan to join us for a night of worship and reflection as we remember Jesus's death and anticipate Easter. Childcare will be available for children aged 3 and under.

Easter - March 31 | Three Services 8am, 9:30am, & 11am

We're looking forward to Easter this year with three worship services at 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am. Plan ahead and join us in inviting and praying for Easter. We encourage you and your groups to make plans to worship in one of our services and to find a place to serve in another service. You can find a place to serve this Easter by emailing moriah.carver@fondrenchurch.com.