



Asking questions is an act of faith. Many people today are raising serious doubts about God, the Bible, and Christian beliefs. What if, instead of feeling threatened by our critics, Christians addressed the skeptic's questions as the beginning of a potentially life-changing journey? Join us as we wrestle with - and answer - some of the most profound questions that people are asking about faith today!

Group Discussion Guide: April 7th

Opening Question - Think about a time when you engaged in a meaningful and/or intense conversation about faith and doubt. Maybe you were a Christian having a discussion with a skeptic, or perhaps you were the skeptic, grilling a believer. How did that conversation go? What went well, what didn't, and why?

Read Matthew 28:16-20. This passage illustrates Jesus' mandate that his followers should go and make disciples of all nations. How does this mandate apply to us today in a culture where "evangelism" and "proselytizing" are discouraged? Why do you think so many Christians are uncomfortable rising to Jesus' invitation?

In **Matthew 5:13-14**, Jesus told his followers, "You are the salt of the earth..." and "saltiness" can be a helpful analogy for Christian evangelism today. Let's think about the word "**SALT**" as our framework to have more heartfelt conversations.

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Read Romans 10:13-14. Why is "showing up" such an important first step toward having more heartfelt conversations? Why do you think many Christians find it hard to "show up" for these conversations?

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Read Proverbs 18:13. Can you think of a time when you asked a really good question that ended up turning into a great conversation? What did you ask? Why are questions like this so transformational?

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Read Matthew 9:37-38. What role should prayer play in our efforts to have more heartfelt conversations with unbelievers? What happens when we forget this step?

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Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. Have you ever shared your salvation story with a skeptic/unbeliever? If so, how did it go? If not, what is holding you back?

As a “case study”, let’s think about one of the most common questions that many skeptics are asking these days. **“Why do we need God at all?”**

Once you “show up” for the conversation, what questions might you ask the person who doubts that believing in God matters at all?

How would you pray for someone who has such doubts about the difference that faith makes?

How might you tell your faith story in a way that specifically responds to this question, and that illustrates the difference that faith has made in your life?

News & Events:



All Women Are Invited: Women’s Retreat

On Saturday, May 11 (10am to 2:30pm), we're excited to host a special women's retreat with guest speaker, Wendy Speake! This retreat is open to women of ALL ages and will include worship, fellowship, a beautiful craft to take home after, and two sessions with Wendy. Register: thestory.church/retreat



Upcoming Partnership Course

If you're ready to commit to The Story Church as a Partner, our next three-week course begins on Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm. Visit this link to learn what it means to be a Partner and register for an upcoming course.: thestory.church/partnership