

Come Matter Here: Ask ALL The Questions | September 9, 2020 Discussion Guide

The Scoop

We all want the answers to life's biggest questions, but what if the purpose of this life is ongoing curiosity and more questions?

Key Verses

Exodus 3:10-14

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Discussion

A "coaching" approach to management is a new philosophy that focus more on asking questions than it does having all the answers. Typically, we have focused on knowing all and doing all rather than learning more. Curiosity, questions, and learning seem to be more important to seeking meaningful life experiences than knowing everything. In fact, it's better to ask ALL the questions than it is to know ALL the things.

- 1. What things are you most curious about? What answers do you have and what do you not yet know or have perfected?
- 2. Where do you naturally place the most value and emphasis in your life: in knowing or learning?

In reading and studying the Bible and all of its parts, it seems the same curiosity and questions align with living out our faith better than knowing it all and having it all figured out. In his book *Velvet Elvis*, Rob Bell equates faith to a "trampoline" where rather than building a static, stand-alone faith, we ebb and flow with the differences in opinion, perspectives, and life experiences. Hannah Brencher in her book *Come Matter Here* says, "God would rather have us dig into the details, than take sound bites and run." Our faith is designed to be explored, questioned, and lived not solved.

- 3. In what ways does your faith journey resemble a trampoline, and in what ways does it not?
- 4. In what ways are you digging into your faith and asking questions, and in what ways are you taking sound bites and running?

In Exodus 3:10-14 we find a Q&A between Moses and God. Moses has questions, but he isn't necessarily questioning God. God seems to be okay with such questions and provides continued reassurance of His presence. God seems less interested in providing the answers, but rather that He is with us, He goes with us, and He wants to continue to engage with us.

- 5. Can you think of a time where you didn't necessarily get the answer you desired from God, but you knew of His presence?
- 6. Like Moses, how have you engaged in your own sort of Q&A with God? How might you do so now?

What's Next?

This week write down as many questions as you can think of and present them to God. Engage in regular conversation with God. See what happens when you seek to learn (questions) more than to know (answers).

You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at faithinfive.com to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.