

Bible Study & Community Building: “Jesus’ Big Questions and Ours”

Some people see the Bible as a ‘Big Answer Book’. It is even more important as a ‘Big Question Book’. Big answers satisfy for a while but can later grow stale and breed closed minds. Big questions, on the other hand, keep us thinking, talking and listening from the heart. Even the most unsettling ones put us in deeper touch with ourselves, with each other, and with things that matter most.

That is why Jesus was so fond of big questions. He asked them often, and revered those that were asked by others. Here are some of Jesus’ big questions:

- “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?” (Matt. 5:13)
- “Why are you afraid...? (Matt. 8:18)
- “Which of you by being anxious about your life can add one cubit to his span of life?” (Matt. 6: 27)
- “For what does it profit a person if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? (Lk. 9:25)
- “Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? (Matt. 7:3)
- “Which is easier, to say the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? (Mk. 2:9)
- “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” (Matt. 12:9)
- “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?” (Lk: 6:32)
- “Who are my mother and my brothers? (Mk: 3:33)
- “Who do people say that I am?” (Lk. 9:18)
- “Why do you call me good?” (Lk. 18:19)
- “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?” (Lk: 13:20)
- “What person among you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? (Lk 15:4)
- “Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” (Lk: 10:36)
- “Who among you, if his child asks him for bread will give him a stone? (Matt. 7:11)
- “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mk. 10:51)
- “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.” (Matt. 26: 10)
- “Why do you sleep?” (Lk: 22:46)
- “Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?” (Lk: 22:48)
- “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mk 15:33)

