

# **Wrestling with the Big Questions**

## **Questions that emerged from the Pre-Consultations**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD**

- Are you really there and listening?
- Why don't you show yourself?
- Where do you live?
- Who are you?
- How do we know you are real?
- Why don't we experience "burning bushes"?
- What is your will for the church?
- What is your will for your people?
- How can you heal everyone?
- Can I be present with you for a while to rest?
- Who in your opinion has walked the walk and talked the talk?
- Why is there so much divisiveness?
- Why has there been so many religious wars in the history of man?
- How is religious consumerism overcome?
- How do we get people to make time for God?
- Is there really a heaven or hell?
- What do you really think of the world today?
- Are you disappointed with the human race?

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORLD/CREATION**

- How did you create the world?
- Why do you make us so selfish?
- Why did you create imperfect humans?
- Why not give us all the gifts that the animals possess?
- Why did you permit evil to come into the world?
- Why do you allow bad things to happen to good people?
- Why do you allow bad things to happen?
- Is there life in other places...like alternative universes? What kind of life is it?

## **THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS**

- Is this the Kingdom of God?
- Are the Jews still your chosen people?
- If we are called to sanctity, why is it so hard to even come close?
- Is forgiveness limited? If you commit the same sin over and over again, is the original forgiveness repeated?
- Why can't God be universal to all of humankind?
- How can we love and forgive our enemies?
- If we are called to love our enemies how do we stand up to evil?
- How can you forgive people who commit such vicious crimes?
- Why is there no tolerance among the religious establishments?
- Why is there hatred, conflict and evil in the world?
- Why are humans so violent?
- Why does human sin seem to overwhelm the action of your love? Why doesn't your love prevail over sin?)
- Why do you allow diseases and bad things to happen to good people?
- Why don't you cure cancer?
- Why do people suffer?
- Why do bad things happen?
- Why do we have to have outcasts?
- Why do children get cancer and leukemia?

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ME**

- Why am I here? What is my purpose?
- Why aren't we "shown" our purpose sooner so we can then use the knowledge to enhance the lives of others?
- What is your dream for me?
- How can I serve you better?
- How do I know if what I am thinking/doing/'living is right?
- Am I really being or becoming the person you want me to be?
- Am I going to have a good life?
- How do I form myself to be humble like you?
- How can I learn to start with faith and not fear in difficult situations?
- Why am I so preoccupied with mundane issues?
- How can I stop being so anxious?
- Would you still love me if I was an outsider?
- Why did God place in my family? I just don't fit.
- Why am I an outcast? Why am I so unappreciated and invisible?
- Can I have more friends? I'm lonely.
- Can you tell BJ the Bully to stop calling me a retard?
- Will you help me be good and pray for me?
- Why would you come to me?
- Can you please forgive me?