



Aurora Student Ministry Discussion Guide for Sunday March 22, 2020

We're in the third week of a series on DOUBT and this week's focus is: Our questions don't always get answered. We'll start with a few discussion questions, then explore some text from the Bible.

Start off with these discussion questions:

1. Talk about a time you really hoped something would happen, but it didn't.
2. Have you ever asked God to do something, but God didn't do what you asked? How did that feel?
3. Do you believe God answers prayers?

Then, read this aloud:

When we experience pain and heartache, the hard truth is that our questions don't always get answered. But God can redeem what we've suffered or lost. In Hebrews chapter 11, the author shares a long list of people who showed their faith in God even though they didn't receive all that God had promised them. They "understood that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen." (verse 3)

Read Hebrews 11:39-40, which takes place after this list (or read the whole chapter for a great summary of the first five books of the Bible!):

"All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us."

Discuss again:

1. What could this passage teach us about holding onto our faith even when our questions don't get answered?
2. Have you ever seen God redeem a difficult or painful situation in your life? Are there any difficult or painful situations in your life that you still need God to redeem?
3. What are some ways we can comfort someone when they're suffering?
4. What are some things we shouldn't say to someone who's suffering?
5. What is one way our conversation today is going to change the way you see your doubts?

Pray as a family:

For any difficult or painful situations that were shared during your discussion.

Thank God for His promises and for the examples of faith He has provided for us throughout the Bible.

Thank God for His redemption.