

echo YOUTH NEWS

Echo Newsletter

December 2019

Questions, Questions, Questions

For the past six years (I know, I can't believe it either) I have hosted something called "Question Night" during a night of youth group for 3 to 4 youth group meetings throughout the year. It's a night where we get pizza and I let the students of our youth group pepper me with questions concerning a variety of topics (faith, theology, philosophy, politics, life, relationships, likes, dislikes etc...). Nothing is off limits so by and large the students can ask whatever they like.

Sometimes we get silly questions, other times we get serious questions but the theme that I have picked up on through 6 years of question nights (about 24-25 total question nights) is this: kids want to know how their faith and their church life interacts with the real world. Most of the questions we get aren't about some passage of scripture that's difficult to understand or about some apologetics question concerning atheism or evolutionary thought (though, there are those questions too). Most of the questions are about how to relate to people, how to respond to friends who have questions, how to make sense of our culture and how to hold onto truth when it seems that those looking to discredit truth are using very emotional, and persuasive, morality arguments.

I've heard many people lament the fact that so many young people are leaving the truth. I lament this as well. I have also heard so many solutions to the problem that all seem to attack a different symptom. Kids are hungry for how to think, not simply what to think, and when they ask questions about interaction they aren't asking for a list of codified answers to stump their friends... they are asking how they can have meaningful answers to meaningful questions so that they can have meaningful relationships, perhaps the best response is to encourage those questions and respond in love?

As always, if you have any questions and concerns please contact me at josh@crosspointbible.org or in the office at (402) 571-3161.

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have, Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect."

- 1 Peter 3:15



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DECEMBER TOPICS

What we're talking about:

- * 1st — No Echo (Thanksgiving)*
- * 8th — Question Night**
- * 15th — White Elephant Gift Exchange
- * 16th — Sophomore's at the Klein's (Monday)***
- * 22nd and 29th — No Echo (Christmas and New Years)

Reverb Bible Study Schedule

Reverb is an every other Sunday Bible Study held after youth group from 8:30pm-9:15pm. We will be holding Reverb on the 8th of December.





2019-2020 Student Leaders Are: Ben Brindamour, Brandon Brindamour, Sarah Bartsch, Emma Slininger, Grace Mattox, Naomi Mattox, Joanna Revers, Hannah Schafer

* On Sunday, December 1st, the Brindamours have invited any High School students over for a game night if students would like to attend.

** On December 8th we will have Pizza and a time of questions throughout the night. Both Middle School and High School will be together on the night.

*** On December 16th Pastor Josh and Sharalee would like to invite the 10th graders over to our house for a night of food and fun from 6:30pm-8:00pm the address is 12912 Curtis Ave. Omaha Ne, 68164

Please visit crosspointbible.org/students for more information on the school year, a calendar and various forms to fill out throughout the year!

We're on Social Media, look for Crosspoint Student Ministries on:    

White Elephant Gift Exchange

On December 15th we will have our Echo Christmas Party!

We will have fun, food and a gift exchange! Please bring a White Elephant gift worth no more than \$10, it can be serious or funny, but please do not bring junk that you just want to throw away!



Pastor Josh Klein

TAKE 3

One: What was one question that happened on Question Night that was interesting to you? Do you remember the answer?

Two: What is the thing you've learned this semester that stuck out to you?

Three: Spend time each night thanking God out loud for something!