

# IMPACT

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Impact 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](mailto:josh@crosspointbible.org) or in the office at (402) 571-3161.

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*"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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## Christmas Tree Hunt!

On December 15th we will have our annual Christmas Party which includes searching for tin foil balls full of prizes in the woods behind the south parking lot at the church.

Students should dress warm and avoid wearing anything overly “wooly” as there are burrs throughout the wooded area. More information will be sent home a week prior to the event.

## DECEMBER TOPICS

### What we're talking about:

- \* 1st — No Impact (Thanksgiving)\*
- \* 8th — Question Night\*
- \* 15th — Christmas Tree Hunt
- \* 22nd and 29th — No Impact (Christmas and New Years)

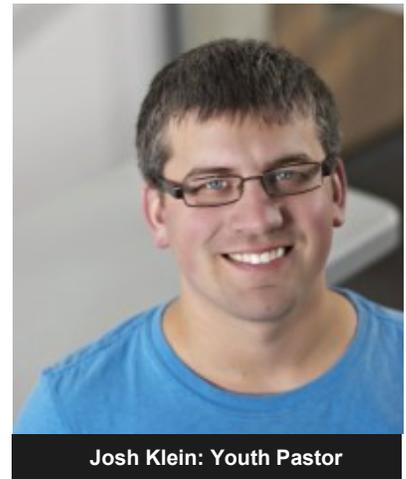
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Reverb is an every other Sunday Bible Study held after youth group from 8:30pm-9:15pm. We will be holding Reverb on the 8th of November.

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

\*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.

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



Josh Klein: Youth Pastor

### 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!