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growth group studies

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AND NOW FOR SOME... QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS

Welcome to our series in Luke's Gospel "And Now For Some Questions Jesus Asks". This is an excellent way to follow up last term's 'Got Questions?' series.

Having journeyed through Brisbane's top ten questions about God, Life and the Bible, this series will have us journeying with Jesus through Luke's gospel and hearing the questions at the top of HIS list. Questions Jesus asks. Even more important than the questions we ask of God, are the questions HE asks of US. And Jesus asks really big questions. Questions of the heart.

The first thing Luke records after the birth of Jesus is that at the age of twelve he was in the temple "asking them questions" (2:46). Asking questions was always a crucial part of Jesus' ministry. Questions of the heart. Questions of our hearts. Questions that could only be asked by him. Questions that could only, ultimately, be answered by him.

This will be an ideal series for you to pray for your friends and to ask them to come to church with you. Most people are interested in the person of Jesus. Many would be curious to know what questions top his list. And everyone needs to know the spectacular way he answered his own questions. Everyone needs to know Jesus, because he IS the answer.

A PRAYER FOR THIS SERIES

Dear Father, we pray that these questions which your Son, the Lord Jesus, asks would search and examine our hearts. We ask that by the power of your Spirit they would reveal the idols in our hearts and expose the hardness of our hearts. We pray that through this series, we would give honest answers to the questions Jesus asks. We pray that you would give us soft hearts, that we would give up our idols and instead have our hearts filled with the Lordship of Jesus. We pray that with servant hearts, with soft hearts we would give all our lives to Jesus. In Jesus name, Amen.

01 WHERE AM I?

watch the intro video here:

<https://vimeo.com/creekroad>

Jesus not only reveals here his special relationship with God, but hints at what lies ahead in his mission to win us that same relationship with God as our Father.

read Luke 2:41-52

1. Take a quick glance through the first 2 chapters of Luke. Where do you notice most of the action taking place?

2. From Malachi 3:1, what is the significance of the temple? What might Jesus being in the temple indicate about his identity?

3. Luke 2:46-47 is talking about a 12-year old boy! What do we learn about the twelve-year old Jesus from these verses?

4. In your life, where do you search for Jesus? Where do you want Jesus to show up in your life?

5. In Luke 2:48-49, who is the “your Father” and “my Father” that Mary and Jesus speak about? Discuss the significance of this interchange.

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

LUKE 2:49

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6. What does the beginning and end of Luke's genealogy of Jesus (Luke 3:23, 38) teach us about the identity of Jesus, and who his Father is? Who is he 'the son of'?

7. When Jesus says he "had to be" in his Father's house, he uses the same word (literally, "must") in Luke 9:22 and 17:25. How does this help us understand why Jesus "must" be in his Father's house and how it is significant?

8. How does Jesus' death affect the temple, Luke 23:44-46, and what do you think it means?

9. Back in Luke 11, Jesus invites us to call God 'Father'. Why is this possible?

10. Do you think of God as your Father? Is calling God Father your right or a great privilege won by Jesus?

SERVANT HEART

How is knowing God as your Heavenly Father shown by your giving and serving with a **soft heart**?

With your soft heart, how will you **give hard** so that many others may call God 'Father'?

PRAYER

Praise God that he loves us so much, he gave his one and only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Praise God that through Jesus' death we can now be with him, part of his family, able to call him Father.

Confess that we do not deserve to be God's children because of our sin.

Ask God that we would be a **church** that welcomes people into God's family. That we would respond with soft hearts to how generous our Heavenly Father has been to us, and we would give hard, we would give generously and sacrificially, so many more people would hear about Jesus, and call God "Father".

Ask God that in our **Growth Groups** we would love each as brothers and sisters, part of God's family.

Ask God that **each of us** would have thankful and soft hearts, that Jesus has made us part of God's family through his saving death.

Pray for **your friends** who don't yet know Jesus. That they would put their trust in Jesus, and call God "Father".

Pray for the **Cross-Cultural Connect** Team member which your Growth Group is focussed on supporting.

*"He has saved us,
called us blameless,
guides us now and
will sustain us Oh how
wonderful the Father's
Love."*

THE CITY

What stories did you hear about on The City this week that really encouraged you?

How can you pray for the people you read about on The City?

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PRE-PRIMARY + PRIMARY

Make a list of what makes a good father.

How does God match up with each item?

Jesus had an earthly father, but he knew that God was his perfect Father. Jesus has a special relationship with God the Father. This is a special relationship we can all have.

How does Jesus open up the way for all of us to have that special relationship with God the Father?

HIGH SCHOOL

What sort of dad is Homer Simpson?

If you need a refresher look at

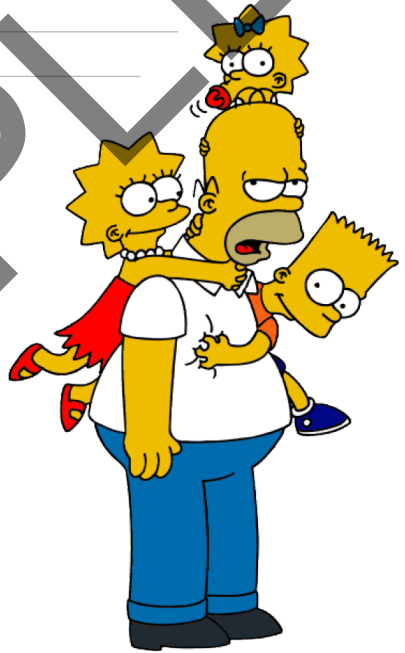
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XUa6VoD2A8

Are any human dad’s perfect?

How is God a perfect heavenly Father?

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At Creek Road we love Jesus. We want to reach the city and reach the world with the good news about who Jesus is. We'd love to help you meet Jesus as we explore the Bible together at our Sunday Services. We want every person to have a chance to connect with Jesus, to grow to be more like Jesus and to serve Jesus. So we try to make everything we do clear and easy to understand.

If you've got any questions, we'd love to answer them.
If there is anything you need, we'd love to help.

You don't need to be good, religious, or have it all together to join us on a Sunday. Jesus is for everyone - people of all stages, ages, and places. So is our church. Everyone is welcome. Seriously.

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