



Ask the Right Questions

Luke 7:18-28

Can you always tell what is true by seeing a picture or a video?

Do you remember a teacher or leader saying: “There are no dumb questions”?

Why is Pastor Chris preaching today?

The disciples of John the Baptist told John about everything Jesus was doing. So John called for two of his disciples, and he sent them to the Lord to ask Him, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” Luke 7:18-19 (NLT)

Do you think that is a good question or dumb question for John the Baptist to ask?

One day when the crowds were being baptized (by John), Jesus himself was baptized. As He was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on Him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are My dearly loved Son, and you bring Me great joy”
Luke 3:21-22 (NLT)

John heard the voice of God say who Jesus was.

He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before His birth.
Luke 1:15b

How did Jesus answer John’s potentially dumb question?

Then He (Jesus) told John’s disciples, “Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” Luke 7:22 (NLT)

What was happening in John’s life?

Luke 3:9, Luke 3:16-18, Isaiah 61:1b

Maybe the question behind John’s question or John’s disciples’ question was: If you are the Messiah, why am I still in jail and why is there still evil in the world? Or to put it bluntly: Jesus, are you real or fake, and how will I know?

And He (Jesus) added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.” Luke 7:23 (NLT)

What can you do if reading scripture itself doesn’t directly answer your question?

- Some Bibles have notes or cross references
- Study Bible
- Commentary
- logos.com
- BibleGateway.com

How do you know if what you find from other sources is trustworthy?

The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

- **Scripture:** Does it line up with the rest of scripture and is it in alignment with who God is.
- **Tradition:** How the church has interpreted Scripture over time.
- **Reason:** Using logical thinking to understand the Bible and tradition.
- **Experience:** How an individual's life experiences shape their understanding of the faith.

It is not a sin to have questions.

It is not a sign of weak faith to have questions.

“Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.” “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”
Mark 9:22b-24

Bottom line:

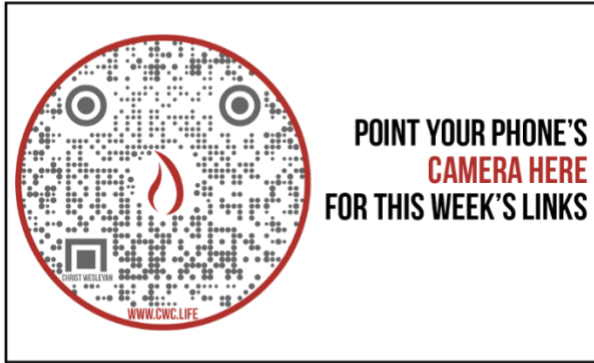
God can handle my questions.

Next Sunday:

Week 4: “Be More About People”

Milton Campus: Pastor Scott Blackmon

Sunbury Campus: Drew Lahr



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 87.9% of goal

Giving year to date: 79.7% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 2,066

Salvations to date: 204 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

141 - Pledges

\$1,660,479.10 - Donations Anticipated by November

2027

\$704,484.78 - Received Donations – 17.6% of \$4M Goal

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