



Bible Study

Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “How to Share the Gospel.”

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ①) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions

1. What is the definition of gospel, and what does the Gospel of Jesus Christ mean?
 - ① Why would someone want to share the Gospel with someone else?
 - ① When sharing the Gospel, is it appropriate to rely completely upon one’s personal skills, attributes and capabilities? If no, why not?
 - ① Who should they seek assistance and guidance from?
 - ① What should be the condition of their heart?
 - ① What should a Christian do from an interpersonal perspective before they share the Gospel with someone?
 - ① Why is it important to listen to and get to know the person?
 - ① What is the relevance of being sensitive and empathetic?
 - ① What are the potential consequences of being judgmental or condemning?
 - ① What can a Christian do to facilitate being non-judgmental, and convey empathy and compassion?
2. What are the 4 foundational truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - ① Why is it important to support each foundational truth with scripture?
3. What are the 4 conceptual things a person should express during a “sinner’s prayer.”
 - ① Should all prayers follow specific words, or should they simply speak from the heart? Explain.
4. What are the 4 different types of soil described by Jesus in the Parable of the Sower, and what were the physical and spiritual meaning of each type of soil.
 - ① Is it possible for the seed to initially fall on bad soil, but eventually produce a good crop? Explain.
 - ① What is the spiritual concept of planting, watering and harvesting?
 - ① What is meant by God’s word will never return void?
5. List the 5 things a Christian should never do when sharing the Gospel.
6. List the 5 things a Christian should do when sharing the Gospel.
7. The lesson states objections should be viewed from a positive perspective. What was the reasoning stated?
 - ① Have you encountered objections to the Gospel in the past? What happened? Is there room for improvement?
 - ① Have you experienced/seen persecution for your faith? If yes, how do you minimize the threat of persecution?
8. What are some of the thoughts and feelings a Christian may experience prior to sharing the Gospel?
9. What can a Christian do to properly prepare their heart moments before they share the Gospel.
10. Who is responsible for the spiritual enlightenment and salvation of a person?
 - ① What is the role and function of a Christian when they share the Gospel?

Answers

1. Gospel means “good news.” So the gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that He provided a means for the forgiveness of sins for all who believe. Jesus Christ—who lived a sinless life—died on the cross and shed His blood as the one, only, worthy, and perfect sacrifice to God as an atonement for our sins.
2. God loves us. We are separated from God because of our sin. God sacrificed His Son as a means to restore our relationship with Him. Restoration of the relationship begins when we believe Jesus Christ took the punishment for our sins when He was crucified on the cross.
3. Admit they are a sinner. Ask for forgiveness and express a willingness to turn away from their sin. State their belief Jesus dies for their sins. Receive Jesus into their heart and life.
4. (1) Wayside is a stony ground with no earth to germinate the seed, and where Satan comes immediately to take away the word that was sown via continuance of sinning. (2) Stony ground where there is some earth to germinate seed and the word is received, but the word is quickly choked out by a lack of “root in themselves” and will disengage because of tribulations or persecution. (3) Among thorns. There is sufficient earth, but surrounded by thorns which grew up quickly and chokes spiritual life because of the cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other worldly things. (4) Good ground that supports healthy productive crop of fruit for all to benefit from.
5. Never judge, be condescending, speak a negative word regarding any religion/government/person, get pulled into an argument, nor describe specific details of your sin prior to knowing Jesus.
6. Always depend upon the Holy Spirit; express genuine heart-felt humility, meekness, empathy, and love, share how God has changed you from within, refer to scripture to support what you say, answer objections before you continue the Gospel message.
7. Objections provide an opportunity to convert misinformation into facts, and lies into truth.
8. An urging and guidance by the Holy Spirit, a desire to share the Gospel, a welling up of compassion for the person.
9. Internally pray for the Holy Spirit’s assistance and the heart of the person. Remember a Christian is a reflection of Jesus Christ—as Jesus was a reflection of the Father.
10. The Holy Spirit.