

Questions God Asks Us

Small Group Guide for Group Participants



Thanks for stepping into a small group to explore *Questions God Asks Us* using this small group guide and the book by Trevor Hudson. We hope it is a chance to engage in a deepening relationship with God and to create new connections with others, all while reflecting on the questions God asks each of us.

Small Group Sessions

Your group may use a selection of the chapters and themes (or cover all 10 sessions!).

Chapters/Small Group Sessions:

- Where are you? – Chapter 1
- Where is your brother? – Chapter 2
- What is that in your hand? – Chapter 3
- What is your name? – Chapter 4
- What are you doing here? – Chapter 5
- What are you looking for? – Chapter 6
- Who do you say I am? – Chapter 7
- Do you want to get well? – Chapter 8
- Why are you crying? – Chapter 9
- Do you understand what I have done for you? – Chapter 10

Finding the Book

Order your copy of the book, in your favorite format. There may be a limited supply of books at Incarnation. Ask Denise Floe at dfloe@incarnationmn.org. Two of the places where you can order the book:

Questions God Asks Us by Trevor Hudson, Cokesbury OR Upper Room Books

<https://www.cokesbury.com/Questions-God-Asks-Us?refq=questions%20god%20asks%20us>

OR

<https://upperroombooks.com/?s=questions+god+asks+us>

Incarnation Sunday Sermon Themes

This theme was used as part of a Sunday sermon series in 2022, but you can use this faith study with or without listening to the sermons.

Covenant

Covenants are a chance to gain a common understanding of the group's purpose and practices. It also serves as a reminder that each person contributes to making the group a great experience. And, it's a good touchstone on the logistics of dates, times and locations.

You'll find a sample covenant in this packet. Feel free to adapt the covenant to fit your group. Typically the covenant is introduced in the first session and reviewed and revised the second session. It can be included as a part of each group session, if helpful.

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Hopes & Guidelines for Our Small Group

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Hopes:

- Grow deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God.
- Pray for one another and create a sense of community within the group.

Guidelines: To create a safe, sacred space for conversation we will strive to:

Listen actively with open hearts:

- Respect one another.
- Hold back from problem-solving or giving advice.
- Try not to interrupt one another.
- Use clarifying not interrogating questions.
- Use care when talking about people who are not present.

Practice confidentiality:

- What is spoken is not to be shared with partners/spouses or friends/family.
- Hold back from asking about something spoken in the group when around other people.

Create a great experience for others:

- Watch the amount of “air-time” so everyone who wishes to speak has a chance.
- Encourage one another and respect the unique perspectives each person brings.
- Start and end on time. Participate whenever possible.
- Prepare by printing the faith study or arranging to view it on a separate device and bring your copy of the book (if applicable).

Engage in your own inward/outward journey:

- As a small group, the faith study and themes from the worship series will be our focus. The group is not intended to be a Bible study, class, large group presentation or professional support group.
- Be intentional in asking for support from a friend or professional listener (counselor, spiritual director, pastor, medical professional...) as it is helpful for you.
- In the spirit of care for one another and support for group, the leader may talk with pastoral or small group ministry staff about the group.
- Small groups are not to be used for an individual’s personal or professional gain.
- Practice intentional self-compassion in this unprecedented time of COVID.

Additions from the group:

Contact information for the group leader:

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