# Is There Value in **Questions?**



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### Become as Little Children



Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God <u>like a child</u> shall not enter it. Luke 18:16-17 ESV

Children ask questions. Lots of questions!!!

### What Is a Disciple?

Disciple simply means a student, pupil, or learner.

Students ask questions!

- Why?
- What?
- How?
- Where?
- Who?
- ls?
- Implied?
- When?



# Why?

And **why** are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin. <u>Matthew 6:28 ESV</u>

See also Matthew 7:3, Matthew 8:26, Matthew 9:4, Matthew 14:31, Matthew 16:8, Matthew 19:17, Matthew 26:10

"My God, my God, **why** have you forsaken me?" <u>Matthew 27:46 ESV</u>

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" <u>Matthew 13:10 ESV</u>

See also Matthew 17:10, Matthew 17:19

## What?

See <u>Matthew 5:46</u>, <u>Matthew 5:47</u>, <u>Matthew 11:7-9</u>, <u>Matthew 12:11</u>, <u>Matthew 16:26</u>, <u>Matthew 17:25</u>, <u>Matthew 18:12</u>, <u>Matthew 19:27</u>, <u>Matthew 20:21-22</u>, <u>Matthew 20:32</u>, <u>Matthew 21:28-40</u>, <u>Matthew 22:42</u>, <u>Matthew 24:3</u>

#### More Questioning Words in Matthew

- <u>How?</u>
- Where?
- <u>Who?</u>



# When?

Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? <u>Matthew 24:3 ESV</u>

See the entire chapter of Matthew 24

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <u>Matthew 24:36 ESV</u>

### Time Will Tell

### Some General Questions

- What does this MEAN?
- Who does this apply to? Me?
- How can I apply this to my life?
- How did and does Jesus Christ demonstrate this?
- Why?
- How does this CONNECT with other verses?
- What is the point? The aim?
- What questions does Jesus Christ provoke in our minds implied?

#### Are There Bad Questions?

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. Matthew 22:15-22 ESV

Continue reading in Matthew 22:23-46

#### How Do We Avoid Spiritual Stagnation?

And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: "The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see." **Revelation 3:14-18 ESV** 

### Ask

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <u>Matthew 7:7-8 ESV</u>

Or which one of you, if his son <u>asks him for bread</u>, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! <u>Matthew 7:9-11 ESV</u>

I am the bread of life. John 6:48 ESV

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