



Theology Chats

A program idea for college students and young adults

This program is intended to explore the questions of faith that individuals are wrestling with but have not found spaces to explore them.

Supplies: *Slips of paper (so that each participant can have two or more if needed)*
 Pens
 Vessel to hold paper (mason jar, coffee mug, basket, hat, etc.)

- Hand out slips of paper and a pen to each person gathered
- Invite them to think about any question they have about God, faith, scripture, theology, or anything in-between.
- Have them write these questions on the pieces of paper. They do not have to write their name on them. All questions are welcome.
- The questions are then folded and put into the vessel
- Questions are pulled out one at a time and read aloud.
- Encourage discussion around the topic by asking them open questions like “what do y’all think about this?” “what did that question bring up for you?” “What were you taught about ____growing up?” “Does that teaching still resonate with you? Why or why not?”
 - ❖ They will often look to you as the leader to have the answer to the question and while you may be able to answer it, it is important to give them space to talk and wrestle with the topic and not just to expect you to give them the answers.
 - ❖ Some students may feel comfortable identifying when a question is theirs. However, it is not a requirement, questions are to remain anonymous unless the student who wrote it chooses to do otherwise.
 - ❖ As each discussion is reaching its end, if you have expertise to add this would be the time to do that and help them gain some clarity on the questions. If you don’t, that is also ok.
- Once a question is done, then you can proceed to the next one.
- It is not necessary to make it through all the questions. Keep the unused ones for the next time!

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