



Questioning Jesus

Are You Able?
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When we accept God's love for us, we are still faced with the question: Why would a loving God allow bad things to happen? One answer might be that He is not able to stop them. But the very idea that God is not able is incompatible with the very existence of God. There is a difference between being able to do something and being willing to do it. Most people are far more capable than they are willing. This must also be true of God. Join us for the final message in *Questioning Jesus*, where we see the evidence of His ability, the effect of His humility, and the consequence of His call.

Luke 7:26-39

Our Question for Jesus: Are you _____ ?

Evidence of His ability (Luke 7:26-33)

Effect of His Humility (Luke 7:34-37)


Consequence of His call (Luke 7:38-39)

SALT MEETING & CELEBRATION -- SUNDAY, JULY 18 --

We will have a "Summer Cookout" for our July SALT meeting. All are invited!

- 4:30 p.m. | Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. | Quarterly Celebration
- 6:30 p.m. | Cookout and games

Childcare is available (4:30-6:30 p.m.) for those who RSVP.

To RSVP, scan  or call 904.396.6633.



BEACH BAPTISM -- AUGUST 22, 5:00 P.M. --

Come to Dolphin Plaza at Hanna Park to enjoy the sun and surf. At 5:00 p.m., we will enjoy a boxed dinner, followed by the celebration of baptism, worship, and communion. To make dinner reservations, RSVP below.

If you would like to RSVP or are interested in or have questions about baptism, please email cindyg@ssbc.org or call 904-396-6633.




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Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!
We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. What typically happens in relationships in which the people involved fail to openly question each other? What might contribute to this kind of dysfunction? Is it okay to question God? Why or why not? Have you ever questioned God? If so, did you question Him directly or just in your private thoughts?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

2. The Bible has numerous examples of people openly questioning God. We see this in the four Gospels as disciples, Pharisees, critics, and government officials all questioned Jesus. We also see it in the Old Testament, particularly in the Psalms and the Prophets. Today we will explore the book of Habakkuk to see how this prophet questioned God and how those questions led to a place of deeper faith.

3. **Question One:** Lord, why don't You do something?

(Read Habakkuk 1:1-4)

- Habakkuk was a contemporary of the prophet Jeremiah (*read Jeremiah 2:11-13*). What were Habakkuk and Jeremiah's concerns? Were these concerns related to foreign powers or their own people?
- Have you ever looked at a situation of injustice and wondered why God allowed it to go on?
- How would you answer a person who asked you why it sometimes appears that God allows evil to prevail?

4. **Solution One:** I am about to do something. *(Read Habakkuk 1:5 - 11)*

- What was God's answer to Habakkuk?
- Why might this not have been the answer Habakkuk expected or even wanted?
- Why would God use evil and corrupt nations to rebuke and correct His own people?

5. **Question Two:** Lord, why are you doing that?

(Read Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:1)

- What do we know about the hearts of the Israelites based on Amos's writings?
- How do we "store up treasures in heaven"?
- What practical steps should our church take to ensure that we do not fall into the same sins described in Amos?

6. **Solution Two:** I will judge Babylon too. *(Read Habakkuk 2:2 - 20)*

- Does verse 3 hold any encouragement for you right now? If so, why?
- What difference will the fulfillment of the promise made in verse 14 make? Based on the final commands of Jesus (*Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20*), how does God intend to fulfill this promise?

7. **Habakkuk's Prayer.** *(Read Habakkuk 3:1-19)*

- Based on this prayer, what effect would you say Habakkuk's willingness to openly question God had on Habakkuk? How might your relationship with God change if you openly and honestly questioned Him?
- What do verses 17-19 tell you about the strength of Habakkuk's faith? Do those verses describe your faith? Why or why not?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

8. If, like Habakkuk, you could ask God two questions, what would they be? Talk about it, invite accountability, and pray together.

Daily Readings:

This week's daily Bible reading plan continues our journey through the minor prophets. Remember, the distinction between major and minor is not based on the importance of the prophet or his message, but rather on the length of the book itself.

Day 1: Zechariah 1 - 3

Day 2: Zechariah 4 - 6

Day 3: Zechariah 7 - 9

Day 4: Zechariah 10 - 12

Day 5: Zechariah 13 - 14

Day 6: Malachi 1 - 2

Day 7: Malachi 3 - 4

← tear here to use as a bookmark in your daily reading.

Suggested Resources:

Books:

Where Is God When It Hurts,
by Philip Yancey

The Problem of Pain, by C. S. Lewis
Experiencing God, by Henry Blackaby
Luke for Everyone, by N.T. Wright
Be Concerned (the Minor Prophets),

by Warren Wiersbe

Be Amazed (the Minor Prophets),

by Warren Wiersbe

Let's Connect!

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering basket at the end of service or **connect with us digitally** by texting VIP to 904-441-8650.

GUESTS: Bring this card with you and join us at The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) following worship today. We'd love to meet you!

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