



# Questioning Jesus

**Do You Care?**  
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Critics of religion often say that if there is a God, he cannot be both all-powerful and all-loving. An all-loving God would not allow the terrible suffering we see in the world, and an all-powerful God would surely be able to stop it. Therefore, God is either not all-powerful, not all-loving, or simply doesn't exist at all. Join us for part two of **Questioning Jesus** as we hear His own disciples ask, "Jesus, don't you care?"

Luke 8:22-25

**The disciples' question for Jesus:**

Do You \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Rebuking Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

Sleeping Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

Questioning Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**CENTRIKID DAY CAMP**  
**-- JULY 5-9,**  
**8:50 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. --**

Kids (grades 1 - 6) will discover what it means to be imitators of Christ during the week of July 5 (8:50 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). CentriKid staff are coming to Southside to partner with us in leading phenomenally fun games and engaging track times – all while connecting everything back to Scripture. Camp by day. Home by night!

scan with your phone camera or visit [ssbc.org/camp](https://ssbc.org/camp) to RSVP



**CALL TO PRAYER**  
**-- JULY 6, 7:00 P.M. --**

Throughout the Bible, believers are called to pray. Prayer can make a profound difference in our world but it is up to us to offer our prayers humbly and regularly. Come gather with us on the first Tuesday of every month as we support and encourage one another, and seek to change our church and community through the power of prayer.

Text PRAY to 904-441-8650 to submit a prayer request.

**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](http://ssbc.org/SmallGroups) to find yours!

### **HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):**

1. Last week we began a brief survey of select minor prophets from the Old Testament. We considered Hosea and how our relationship with God is comparable to a marriage. This week we will consider the message written by the prophet Amos as he addresses the extravagant wealth of the nation of Israel. While the Bible does not condemn wealth, it often points to the dangers that accompany it. What does it mean to be wealthy? Do you believe that Jesus' followers have added responsibilities related to their material wealth? If so, why and what are those responsibilities?

### **HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):**

2. Read Amos 1:1, Amos 2:6-7, and Amos 6:1, 4-7.

- Who was Amos and what was his profession? What does the author use to set the date of Amos's prophesy? Why is that important?
- This was a time of great wealth and security for the people of Israel. Based on the verses from chapters 2 and 6, how were the people of Israel responding to this time of prosperity? What specific things were they doing or failing to do that evoked Amos's message?
- Are these concerns limited only to the Old Testament? What, if anything, did Jesus or New Testament writers say about money, greed, and the responsibility of believers as it relates to their material blessings?

3. Read Amos 5:14-15, 18-24.

- What were God's instructions to Israel?
- What good was their religion and why did God reject it? How was religion acting as an "opiate for the people" in this particular case? In what ways might that be true of wealthy Christians today?
- God called the people to "establish justice." What might Jesus' followers do to establish economic justice in their families, communities, and businesses today?

4. Read Amos 7:10-15.

- How was Amos's message received by those in power in Israel? Given that Amos was not a powerful or influential person, what might have caused the king to become so defensive? What was Amos's response to the king's threats?
- How would Amos and his message be received by the majority of Christians today?
- Christians in America today are the wealthiest Christians in the history of the world. What warnings and lessons should Jesus' followers in modern America take from Amos?

5. Read Matthew 6:19-34.

- 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?

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

6. How are you handling your material wealth? How generous are you? What motivates that generosity? Are there ways you may be taking unfair financial advantage of a person or group of people? 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.

- Day 1: Jonah 1 - 4
- Day 2: Micah 1 - 3
- Day 3: Micah 4 - 7
- Day 4: Nahum 1 - 3
- Day 5: Habakkuk 1 - 3
- Day 6: Zephaniah 1 - 3
- Day 7: Haggai 1 - 2

← 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 4, 2021**

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering bucket or take it to "The Landing" (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) as you leave. We'd love to meet you.

**MEMBERS:** Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

**GUESTS:** Text VIP to 904-441-8650 and join us at The Landing following worship today.

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