

BCC Connection Group Questions: April 16, 2023  
Sermon Series: "You Asked for It"

\*Leaders Note: Just a reminder that this is a guide to help facilitate your group. You do not have to cover all of the material on this lesson.

**READ:** 2 Timothy 3:1;16-17, Genesis 1:27-28, & Genesis 3: 1-7

**OPEN:**

- "God never gives us more than we can handle." "God helps those who help themselves." "Heaven just got another angel." These are all examples of clichés that are not found in the Bible. What would you say is the intention behind some of these examples?
- Name some Christian clichés that you have people use before.
- Why is it important that Christians have a foundational understanding when it comes to understanding the Bible in today's society?
- What role does asking questions and having doubts play in having faith? (Leader's Note: It is perfectly fine to have doubts and ask questions, it is part of the process of growth and maturity. The hope is that folks will not stay in their doubt but move forward in their faith and next steps with Christ.)

**DIG:**

*Read: 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

- Discuss the Big Idea for this week. Fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ will grow as we continue to have a faith that seeks understanding by: 1) Starting with the foundation of Scripture (2 Tim.3:16a). 2) Striving to be teachable (2 Tim. 3:16b). 3) Submitting to the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:17).
- What does it mean that Scripture is God-breathed? How is this important to your faith?
- Why is it important to start with Scripture when asking questions and wrestling with doubts? Where do most people turn to when asking questions or wrestling with doubts?
- Discuss as a group it means to be teachable. What does this look like practically in day-to-day living?
- One of the questions asked this week was, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Discuss this as a group briefly and share your thoughts to the answer to defining 'good' and 'bad.'

*Read: Genesis 1:27-28*

- What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
- What does it mean to be created intrinsically good? (Leader's Note: God's original design and purpose was to have fellowship with created humanity. God saw that Creation was naturally good.)

*Read: Genesis 3:1-7*

- What is the Human Condition? (Leader's note: It is the human condition of Sin that has impacted God's creation and causes separation from His love, holiness, and standards)?
- What was the role of Satan in the Fall of Humanity and what was his approach toward Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?
- In verse 6 we see the fall of humanity, Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. How has this event impacted the way we live today?

**REFLECT:**

- How has the Human Condition of brokenness impacted you in your questions, doubts, and faith?
- What are the two or three things the Holy Spirit spoke most clearly to you this this connection group today and how will you respond to Him?

**VISION OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Baptisms, Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Leadership Connection, Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm at BH Campus