



“You’ve Got Questions” series is all about answering the questions our Middle School teens are wrestling with. Although we may not be able to answer every question, we can give insight to them and help the teens wrap their minds around their Faith in Jesus.

Teens have questions and in a lot of ways need to get solid Biblical answers. Other teens are being asked questions in school, on sports teams and other places that challenge their faith. We need to equip these teens with the tools to answer these questions.

This series seeks to do just that: answer questions and equip teens with tools to answer the questions they themselves are asked about their faith.



Week 4: Evolution and Apologetics

How do we know that Christianity is the right religion?

Every god that is not THE God requires that we do stuff for them in order to gain their love. Allah demands you live a good life. Buddha demands you find your inner-peace and don't slip into certain emotions. For these gods and other religions the gods are angry gods who we must always make happy. The God of the Bible is a God of love who is the ONLY God in all religions who sacrificed Himself so that we can be made right with Him. He loves us for who we are and loves us enough not to let us stay that way. All other gods won't love you until you get right and act right. Also, the other "great founders" of other religions have graves. Our God is the only resurrected God! All others have marked graves and tombs where they died and never rose again. Jesus says in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one come to the Father but by me". He also said: "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). 500 People saw Jesus after he rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:6). He said he was God and because we know this was true, we must stand by it. If Jesus is God (which he proved he is by his resurrection) and Jesus said He is the only way, we must conclude and have faith that He is the only way. Not all roads lead to God, every other path worships a different God.

Is there free will in heaven?

This is an interesting question.

Where do evolutionists say life comes from?

Many evolutionists say that life came from what is known as "The Big Bang". This is a belief that there were certain core elements that randomly ran into each other and the collision caused a gigantic bang that created the entire cosmos. This then started a chain of life from primordial beings to the intelligent beings we now are today. The problem here is that scientist can't explain where the 6 core elements came from so they ignore that question. However it is a significant question because something can come from nothing. Something always had to pre-exist in order for something to now exist. In my opinion it takes much more faith to believe that 6 random elements are eternally pre-existent than to believe a god has eternally existed.

How did evolution come to be?

Evolution came to be throughout the history of scientific thought. The person most recognized for bringing this set of scientific beliefs to the forefront was Charles Darwin. He was the one to started the idea of natural selection (which when taken from Darwin's point of view is extremely racist and bigoted). Darwin believed that all other races compared to whites would soon die off because they were less superior. Also, evolution taken way back believes we evolved from fish as well as apes, that is why some stickers have a fish with feet and say: "Darwin". Evolution then was taken on by the Science world as its belief system and used to debunk the church's belief in creationism.

What are some points that disprove evolution (and point to Christianity)?

There are many points. First is the idea of the Big Bang as we previously discussed. The deal is that 6 core elements had to be pre-existing in order to make the big bang theory a reality. Where did they come from? As I said before scientists can't explain it.

When it comes to evolving from primordial ooze, the probability is sky high! We were said to come from an amoeba that crept from the hot, lava like water. Once it came out into the sun it began to change and over time it grew limbs, it gained sight and it gained organs, skin and so many other things. The reality is, even in 4.5 billion years the level of change that had to occur and the number of natural selection differences that needed to happen isn't enough time! For the eyeball alone to develop is a 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 to 1 chance! There are so many intricacies in the eyeball alone that a master creator HAD to be there to think this up. It is IMPOSSIBLE for the eyeball to become useful and effective outside of being made. Here's a good quote from Newton:

Sir Isaac Newton had a replica of our solar system made in miniature. In the center was the sun with its retinue of planets revolving around it. A scientist entered Newton's study one day, and exclaimed, "My! what an exquisite thing this is! Who made it?" "Nobody!" replied Newton to the questioner who was an unbeliever. "You must think I am a fool. Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius."

Laying his book aside, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder and said: "This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you and I know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker. Now tell me, by what sort of reasoning do you reach such incongruous conclusions?"

We (even scientists) wouldn't assume that a model planetary system just appeared out of nothing! Within the design of who we are natural selection is a weak attempt at describing what things are and how they work. Some things in our bodies (like gall bladders) serve no purpose and would've been (by the idea of natural selection) discarded!

How do we share our Faith in school?

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15)

1. We must make Christ Lord in our hearts. Not just our savior, but our Lord.
2. Second, we must be gentle and respectful to others and their beliefs. If we expect them to listen to us, we must listen to them as well.
3. Third, we must NEVER enter in to argument mode. We can't fight for Jesus...trust me he can handle it himself. We are to live and talk Jesus to people. We can share our faith when they ask question about why our lives are different, because they will ask if we made Christ our Lord!
4. If we choose out 1 person (not as a project) whom we will share Jesus with, it can change the world!

If we were to begin today with a “gospel tent meeting” approach, bringing in 1000 non-Christians and presenting the Gospel to them – once in the morning, once in the afternoon, and once in the evening (3000 per day), it would take 5014 years to reach the PRESENT world's population (not counting all those who will be born in the next 5014 years).

But if we were to begin today with just ONE disciple, who would then lead to Christ, teach and train ONE other person for an entire year; and then have each of those two go and find ONE other person, lead him/her to Christ and teach and train him/her for a year; and then have those four each go find ONE other person, and so on – the world's population could be reached in just 32 years.