

Q&A

Steve and Randy tackled live questions from our congregation this week. Some came in before service but most were submitted live and they responded with honesty and from the heart. Here are the times that each service started and the questions contained in them:

1:35 - Thursday Night

- Is speaking tongues relevant in the church today?
- We would like to know where the church stands on homosexuality.
- How do you correlate predestination in scripture with free will? Romans 8:30,32; Ephesians 1:5, 11. Was Judas predestined to betray Jesus? Did he have a choice?
- What are your thoughts about Syria launching 20 missiles at Israel? End times?
- When will we be starting up Next Gen again?
- If you die while committing a sin, do you go to hell? If so, why is that? If you get punished by sin itself wouldn't death already be the punishment?
- What are your non-political thoughts on moving the US embassy to Jerusalem?
- If you don't believe in God, is it still possible to go to heaven after death?
- How does the possibility of Extra-Terrestrial intelligence interact with our faith?
- Why don't we talk about the devil in sermons and how he affects our lives
- Why do people attend Discovery?
- Do Christians have a responsibility to care for refugees seeking asylum in a prosperous country like the US? (I think we do)
- Does Rom 8:31 - "if God be for us....." imply that he might not be?
- What percentage of attendees at Discovery support it financially?

35:47 - Sunday 1st Service

- When Jesus commanded His disciples the "go and make disciples of all the nations" what did He expect them to do? How did the early disciples fulfill this command? What are we doing today to fulfill this command?
- I'm curious about Islam and all the trouble its causing in the world today. I've heard Muhammad was a true prophet but was tempted and succumbed to Satan's will. Is there any truth to this? Is there anything in his early teachings that has merit in our Christian belief system? Why does most of the violence on our planet appear to be emanating from the Muslim world?
- People who go to Albania with Discovery to participate in the English camp are asked by individuals with CRU for financial support. Is there a way for Discovery to become involved in getting the word out about these Albanian families and individuals on the Elbasan team and other members of CRU who need more support? In what ways is Discovery already providing support to Albania?
- Ecclesiastes 9:11 What is the relationship between time and chance and the involvement of God in our lives? I know some people who believe if they get a flat tire that it was God's doing. Perhaps it kept them from being in an accident if they had not been delayed. Or is it just time and chance? Did you happen to be in the wrong lane right after some nails fell out of the bed of a pickup truck? What are your thoughts and where else in the Bible might there be answers?
- I know Discovery has women Elders and leadership. (which I like) but how do you justify this from scripture?
- Is Muhammad seen as a descendent of Ishmael?
- Can you please explain why Discovery has a few primary global missions that we support rather than many more?
- In Job, Elihu comes out of nowhere and berates Job. God speaks after him. Then mentions the other 3 friends sinned and Job needed to forgive them. Elihu was not

chastised. Did God or the Holy Spirit speak through Elihu? Who is he really? I know he has parents, as they are mentioned.

- God is holy and wants us to be holy, also. He makes us holy. It is our actions and intents of the heart that betray us. He wants us to not even come close to evil. Or in our choosing to be holy - we avoid any pretense of evil to the best of our ability. But, Jesus went among the sinners.
- So, the question, how can we live? In choosing to love others to the best of our ability with trying to walk with Jesus? Is the answer in trying? But I try so hard, I tend to avoid people, as I fear not loving them the way I should.
- What is your viewpoint on pre trib, mid trib and post tribulation rapture?
- As a pastor what does your personal worship life look like since you are working hard to serve others on Sundays?
- What do you do personally to make sure that your own walk with Christ stays #1?
- Has Discovery ever had a choir?
- In such a fallen world please lend recommendations to stay steadfast in the Lord without coming across as a "bible thumper"
- What happens to the people that don't believe in Jesus when they die? And why? If they go to hell, how can a loving god send good people to hell?
- How do we decide when our kids can take communion?

1:15:42 - Sunday 2nd Service

- If God is a perfect being, and He created Lucifer, who later became Satan, does that mean that God created evil? And if not, then where did evil come from?
- In Matthew 12:40, it says how Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights. The old testament also refers to three days and nights. However, if Jesus died Friday afternoon, and rose early Sunday, that is only Friday night, and part of Saturday. I suppose you could argue that party of Friday, all of Saturday and a bit on Sunday counts as three days. But there is no way to call that three nights. How do you reconcile the prophecies

and what actually happened? I've heard a theory that maybe Jesus was actually crucified on Thursday and not Friday.

- Why is communion open to everyone?
- Why do people say God has a plan for everything that has happened if bad things happen to us? Why is he control of bad things that have happened to us?
- What's up with the dismembered concubine in Judges?
- What is the punishment for the divine rebels in Genesis 6?
- What awaits us after death?
- How do you reconcile Jesus' teaching on peacemaking with the Old Testament's description of God advocating for the genocide of the Canaanites?
- If there is a heaven, how does God measure morality? We have the ten commandments, but is dishonoring your father and mother on the same level as murder?
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- Does God take intent into consideration? Like if someone kills in self-defense, is that not considered murder to God? Or is it on the same level as homicide?
- How do we reconcile what the Bible says about gender identity and sexual orientation and how do we support people whose experience this is?
- What is "second death" in Rev 2:11-.. let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.
- How does someone with little to no teaching on the grace of God gain salvation?
- What is your understanding of the "one new man" as described in the New Testament?
- If we believe and are baptized we are "forgiven" our sins; can we therefore sin and not have consequences?

1:56:30 - Sunday 3rd Service

- How does one deal with people who have a fixed mindset about the power of God? I know it is not my "job" to "save" them -- only God can save them and I know I shouldn't get angry -- but it's hard when people can't see the truth of the good news that I see.
- My friend's brother died at a young age and she's struggled the last couple years with God. If God is so powerful, why didn't He save him?
- What percentage of the congregation gives regularly to Discovery and how are we doing so far?
- Can you answer ALL of the questions on the website?
- Any resources you'd recommend on grief or what to tell my grieving friend who is questioning God's power over Satan?
- What is Discovery's stance on communion In regards to transubstantiation, consubstantiation and cessionism/representing the body and blood.
- How should we meet with believers who take "snippets" of scripture without depth and context to weave together a gospel that supports their world views?
- I understand that Discovery wants to be a multicultural congregation. Do you see that happening in Broomfield? Or would complete that better as multiple campus?
- What's atonement? Why did Jesus have to die? Did God really require a blood sacrifice to tolerate our presence? Jesus spent time with sinners prior to repenting
- Is there any proof that we will see our loved ones in heaven? I know we won't be married in heaven, so does that mean our other relationships will not exist?
- How does one keep from being a "leach on the body of Christ?"
- How do you reconcile a loving God that damns millions to eternal suffering? How could an all loving God kill a child and sentence them to Hell?
- Some people argue that suicide/homosexuality are sins, and that they lead to damnation. Why would these sins not be forgiven by Christ, but others are?
- The bible says to honor your parents. How do you do that if they are abusive? How do I keep my own family safe and still honor my Dad?

- How do we tell our children how God came to be- last week they asked why God does not have a last name and yet Jesus does, Jesus Christ.
- Can truth be manifested through a feeling?
- Can you speak to the growing mental illness in the world and how we are called to handle this as the body of Christ?
- Our children want to study the end times. What are good resources to share with kiddos age 9-15 regarding end times, second coming, & tribulation?