

Answers to Questions You're Thinking but Not Asking (For Guys)

Description: Are there conversations that you're not sure who to ask for more information? This Power Track will look into God's Word to see what He has to say on all the big questions, as well as answer the questions students are asking today.

Key Verses: Matt 5:6; 1 Tim. 3:2-4; 6:6, 11-12; 1 Cor. 16:13-14; Ephesians 5:25; Hebrews 12:2-3

Prompt: A study from the Fuller Youth Institute suggests on the key ways to keep teenagers walking with Jesus is to encourage questions. Have students discuss why this is critical at this stage of life.

Play: Video of Jeremiah Kleylein, "Answer to Questions" buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ As Jeremiah shares his story, he says the absence of a father made his life difficult. ***What role does a father play in his son's life? If possible, how can you improve your father-son bond? If you don't have a father, who plays a father-like role in your spiritual life?***
- ⏪ Jeremiah poses two key questions toward the beginning: ***What does it mean to be a man? How does God define being a man?*** Take a few minutes to write down your answers to them.
- ⏪ The biblical definition of manhood does not always align with culture's view. ***What are the key differences between manhood in Hollywood or Wall Street versus manhood in Scripture?***
- ⏪ Jeremiah describes the cycle of spiritual growth, struggle, shame, and sin. Instead of focusing on stopping sin, he reframes the conversation to aim higher. ***What's the higher aim?***
- ⏪ Consider the verses listed above. ***What are the six characteristics of biblical manhood?***
- ⏪ "Being lonely is one of the least talked about struggles for guys," Jeremiah asserts. ***Is this true for you? When are your loneliest moments?***
- ⏪ What attribute do we fail to build by praying, "God just fix this mess or get me out!"?
- ⏪ **Read** 1 Timothy 6:11-12. ***How might your life improve if you took these verses to heart?***
- ⏪ **What are first steps to building hunger for God and his word?**
- ⏪ **Read** James 1:13-14. ***What does this text say about the process of temptation and sin?***
- ⏪ **Read** 1 John 1:9 and Hebrews 3:13. ***What is accountability? Why is it important?***
- ⏪ Interact with a few of the audience questions: ***What bearing does oral sex have on one's virginity? What harmful effects does pornography have on us and our relationships?***

Pray: Remind students that sexual purity is part of a larger conversation: becoming more like Jesus. Encourage them to spend a quiet moment of confession. Then ask them to identify at least two characteristics of godly men they need most help cultivating. Split them into pairs and have them share these characteristics with a partner so they can pray for one another.