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Asking the Right Questions

Dear Pastor,

Did you ever have a conversation with someone and afterwards find yourself thinking, "I wish I had asked him…"? We've probably all had that experience many times over.

Jesus asked penetrating questions. In fact, a worthwhile study can be made on the questions Jesus asked. "Why do you call me good?" "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things?" "Do you want to be made well?" "Do you believe in the Son of God?" "Whom are you seeking?" Etc. Routinely, Jesus asked questions that cut right to the heart of an issue.

Asking good questions can be very important for evangelism. Greg Koukl in his book *Tactics*, makes a powerful case for asking good questions when we engage in conversations with unbelievers. Questions such as "What do you mean by _____?", or "How did you arrive at that conclusion?" can be clarifying questions that demonstrate a desire to understand what someone has said, respect for the other person, and gain you the "right" to be heard. A good question can reveal the deficiency in a person's worldview or belief system. (By the way, we strongly recommend Koukl's book!)

As we seek to understand our culture and how we can impact hearts and minds with the Gospel, we need to ask the right questions. Then having asked the questions, we need to rely on the authoritative Word of God for the answers. That is what the thrust of our webinar last week with Ken Ham was about. We can rely on God's trustworthy Word for the truth about who we are, why we are here, and what the purpose of life is. (You can listen to the webinar HERE.) As one preacher now with the Lord used to say, "The Bible is God's mind concerning everything." We believe he had that exactly right.

May God help each of us to be asking the right questions, and perhaps more importantly, may the Lord grant that His people will be solidly committed to the truth of the answers He has given us in His Word.

This week, please pray for:
   Rep. Terry Katsma (Oostburg)
   Rep. Gordon Hintz (Oshkosh)
   Sen. Jon Erpenbach (West Point)

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PS: The right question to ask about October 16 is whether or not you will participate in the training seminar for

the small group study called "The Engagement Project," which is the follow-up to "The Truth Project." We hope your answer is, YES! Wisconsin Family Council has partnered with Dr. Del Tackett to bring *The Engagement Project* to Wisconsin. Pastors, small group leaders and anyone interested in leading a small group will want to participate in the training session that is being hosted by Wisconsin Family Council at Calvary Bible Church in Neenah, Wisconsin, on **Saturday, October 16**. Dr. Del Tackett will personally share his burden about how to use this small group study to create a practical framework for reaching our neighbors and communities with the Gospel. You can get more details and register here.

PPS: Another right question for believers to ask is, "How can we make a difference in our community for what is good and right?" And we also have an answer for that. In our **Going Local:** *Making Communities Great Again* grassroots training sessions we will provide insight and strategy to effectively counter the extreme and absurd policies such as Critical Race Theory, transgender policies that negatively impact our children, and unconstitutional mandates that violate our basic freedoms. More details and registration for all four of these events is located here. The first one is Thursday, September 30 at the Machine Shed in Appleton.

PPPS: Lots of folks are concerned about vaccine mandates, and possibly you are hearing questions and concerns from members in your church. We don't take a position on whether someone should be vaccinated, but we do have concerns about mandates. A resource that you might find helpful for yourself and/or your members is available here.