

Questions from the Seats - Ed Baker

Icebreaker:

1. Would you rather speak 10 languages or play 10 instruments?

2. Where do you find inspiration?

Summary:

Questions are a vital part of growing in faith—they stretch us, challenge us, and can lead us into deeper understanding and trust in God. Unanswered questions also often introduce doubt, confusion, and angst in our faith. In this teaching series, we're diving into real questions submitted by people in the seats at Orchard, seeking God's knowledge and wisdom shared through authors of the Bible - both what they say and what they don't. While some answers bring clarity, others invite us to embrace mystery and acknowledge that sometimes the most faithful response is a humble, open-hearted "We don't know, but we trust God will lead us." Wherever we land, our hope is to grow together in honesty, humility, and hope as we follow Jesus together.

Engage the Bible:

- John 1:1
- John 3:16-17

Small Group Questions:

- Which aspects of who God is are easiest to believe in? Which are hardest?
- What are the times when you are glad God knows everything? Are there times when you wish He did not know everything about you?
- Not all the characteristics of God were covered in Sunday's teaching. Are there other things about God that are especially meaningful to you?
- Does Orchard Hill help you in experiencing the holiness of God? How and when does that happen?
- As you think about and read the Gospels, what stories about Jesus remind you that He is God? Which of the characteristics did He possess as a man? Are there any that He did not?
- What important aspects of who God is have not been covered in this teaching and discussion?