



## ASK EACH OTHER OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS

🕒 15 Minutes

**PURPOSE:**  Discover and practice asking questions about Jesus

Jesus. We sing His name and bring praise to the One who continues to change our lives every day. But for some of our neighbors, the name “Jesus” may not evoke the same response. When neighbors hear His name, misconceptions, misrepresentations, or religious ideas may be the first things that come to their minds. While we pray that each person in our lives responds to the free gift of salvation that we have in Jesus, our neighbors may not be clear on Who we’re talking about when we say His name, “Jesus.”

This Sunday, we’ll create lists of Jesus conversation-starting questions together. Let’s think about our neighborhood and culture. Think about our past experiences of talking about Jesus with others before and after we came to know Him. What questions or conversation-starters do we find are the most helpful to open the door to talk about Jesus together? Here are some prompts to help spark our discussions this morning:

1. What does someone already understand about Jesus?
2. What are they unsure about when it comes to Jesus?
3. Is Jesus, as depicted in the Bible, the same as the Jesus we are thinking about?

**SETUP:**  Have a slide with today’s focus and a timer to know when to finish

### INSTRUCTIONS:

 Organize Members  Leader Instructs  Members Practice  Reflect and Report



1

Have everyone break into groups of 3. Pause to make sure everyone finds a group of this number.



2

In less than one minute, explain the vision for this time. Emphasize the importance of continuing to learn how to talk about Jesus. You can share a scripture or a personal example to help.



## OVERFLOW

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**3**

Instruct the groups to create a list of at least 3 open-ended questions or conversation-starters about Jesus that would be helpful for our neighbors. Open-ended meaning they do not lead to “yes” or “no” answers. Consider sharing the prompts above to help groups make their lists.



**4**

Groups take 7 minutes to create their list of questions.



**5**

Instruct each group to select one question to ask each other. Make sure everyone in the group gets to ask the question to another person. Give them 5 minutes to ask each other and discuss.



**6**

Groups take 5 minutes to ask and discuss the question.



**7**

Have everyone digitally or on paper send in their list of questions to make available to the congregation. If you have time, you can have groups share examples of their questions.



**8**

Close by sharing this Overflow connection: Learning to ask each other questions about Jesus also prepares us to ask our neighbors similar questions. Have each person write down the name of one person to ask one of the Jesus questions this week.

#### **LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS:**



What did you observe about the congregation asking Jesus questions? Was any part of it challenging?



How can you make the list of collected questions available to the whole church?