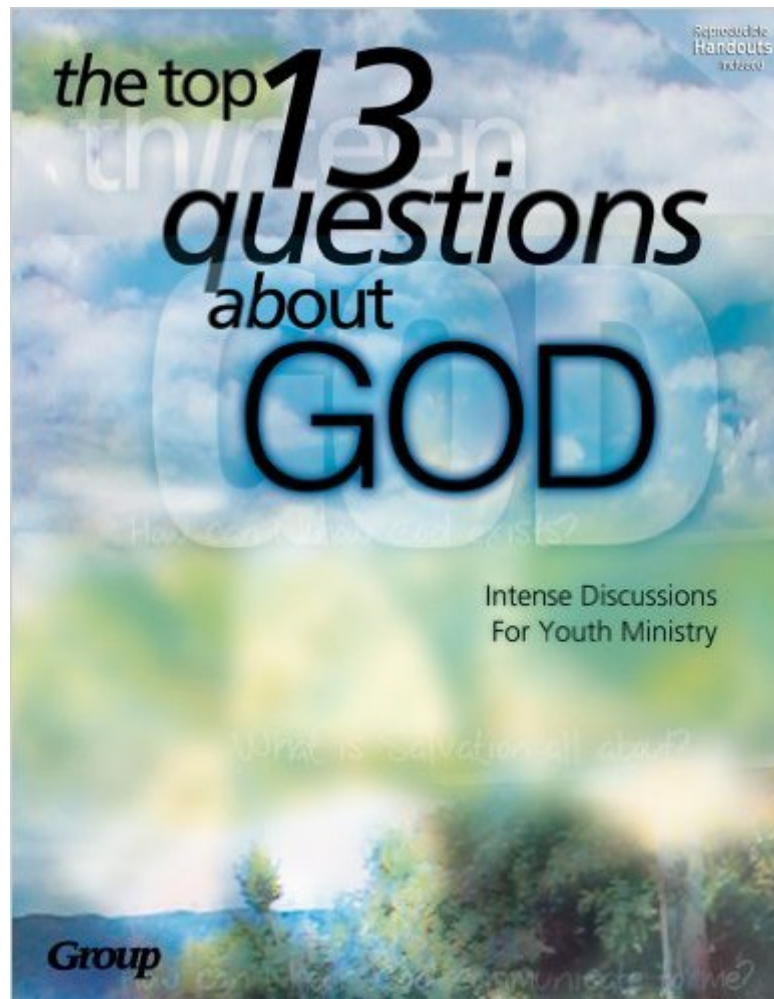


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# The Top 13 Questions About God: Intense Discussions For Youth Ministry



## Synopsis

Hard Questions. Solid Answers. Rock-Solid Faith. Jesus didn't duck challenging questions. He didn't have to. And neither do your students. Help students build a faith that can handle the tough questions. Starting with these: How can I know God exists? How is Jesus different from Mohammed and Buddha? What is salvation all about? Why would a loving God send people to hell? How can I hear God communicate to me? Which is right: evolution or creation? Will God forgive any and every sin? And six more faith-building questions. 13 questions in all. In this book you'll find... 13 interactive, discussion-provoking lessons on tough questions youth leaders overwhelmingly chose as most pressing for their students. Reproducible student pages. Flexible format that will work in youth meetings, Sunday school, small groups or in parachurch ministry meetings. Help your teens build a tough, lasting faith.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book full of 13 great lessons for teens. I am only on the second week but this book really has opened up conversation in the youth group I lead. I am fairly new to the youth group and this book has allowed me to grasp what the youth feel about each topic. We have about an hour but I wish we had two because with this book the conversation just keeps going. The prep time with reproducible handouts is very minimal and makes it easy to understand. I highly recommend this for any size youth group!!!

This book begins..."I was raised in church, but there are so many things about the Christian faith I find so unbelievable." This book offers the opportunity for youth leaders to guide their students in grappling with 13 'big questions' about Christianity in a safe environment. Each chapter includes a reproducible page with the Christian Perspective about the topic, a Faith Challenge to help kids grapple with application and finally a My Response page where kids nail down exactly how they will apply what they have learned. Questions covered include "How can I know God exists?" "Why would a loving God send people to hell?" "How can I understand the Bible and apply it to my life?" "Why does God allow suffering?" Though designed for youth this book would be an excellent resource for anyone teaching seeking/questioning unbelievers, new believers, and even seasoned believers of any age.

The topics in this book are really really good! The lessons however are very difficult to follow and understand! But there are some real good discussion questions and points throughout the lessons. We are going to stick with the topics (because they are great topics and the teens are really interested in them) and use what we can out of the lessons. There is no way we could teach using these lessons. I don't even fully understand the way they are trying to teach in this book, so how could I pass it on? If you are a creative teacher that can wing it with the Holy Spirit, then this is a great resource. Helps guide you through a great set of questions and let the Lord do the rest! Especially good for new believers or a brand new youth group! But if you are the type that likes to get a lesson plan and stick to it, this is a very difficult one to follow.

This book has been wonderful for use in our high school Sunday school class. I have taught Sunday school for various ages over the past 10 years or so, and I have used quite a variety of curriculum materials. This is absolutely the best material I have found in terms of 1. creating discussion, 2. being relevant, and (very importantly) 3. needing minimal prep work! We have gone through 9 of the 13 lessons so far, and every single one of them has been well written. Most weeks, all the prep work I have to do is read the lesson and copy the pages they suggest to copy. I have found that for some of the lessons our kids want more discussion than the 50 minute space we have, so we have expanded some of the lessons for 2 weeks. For those that we have expanded I have had to do additional work for the second week of the lesson. The chapters in the book are: 1. How can I know God exists? 2. Which is right: evolution or creation? (we did 2 weeks on this one) 3. How is Jesus different from Mohammed and Buddha (we'll spend 2 on this one) 4. What happened when Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected 5. What is salvation all about? (we spent 2 weeks on this

one) 6. Will God forgive any and every sin? 7. Why would a loving God send people to Hell? 8. Why does God allow suffering? 9. Who is the Holy Spirit? (I added a spiritual gifts quiz) 10. How do demons/angels influence my world? 11. How was the Bible written? 12. How can I understand the Bible and apply it to my life? 13. How can I hear God communicate to me? This is a great book! You will not be disappointed!

I wanted this for a young women's bible study I held this summer for teen girls. The questions were the ones we wanted to cover, but the study was awkward and doesn't take into account that teens don't like to talk as much as interact. I'd pass on this one.

I do not know if I will use these lessons exactly as they are but they sure have gotten me thinking about potential lessons with my High School Bible Study. Some really good ideas. I think I will be able to get more than thirteen lessons out of it just from the ideas I come up with after reading through it.

We are nearly complete with this book in the high School Sunday School that I co-teach. In my opinion, the lessons we fairly well put together, and I usually had to skip over some section of the lesson to fit it into our 50 minute teaching time. As other reviewers have stated, the questions are put forth, and some guides for answers are given, but it is more of a starting point for the youth to work out the answers in their own mind. This works well with a more mature youth group that already has a strong foundation. It will definitely make them think. You also need a group that is willing to openly discuss things, which I know is not always the case for Sunday mornings. Be advised that some of these lessons do bring up difficult discussions that will make some of the youth feel uncomfortable. My son is a Senior with a fairly strong faith, and there were several lessons that he told me afterward that he found difficult to handle. However, I would rather the youth explore these topics in the safe environment of church than with those who may be trying to pull them away from the faith.

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