

WHEN QUESTIONS ARE ASKED.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. When we teach God's word to those who have not believed, there will be questions.**
- B. In fact, questions are very good tools in the teaching process.**
- C. If you can get people asking questions you can know you have a good opportunity of teaching the gospel.**

DISCUSSION: WHEN QUESTIONS ARE ASKED...

I. WHAT DO WE DO?

- A. Every question is important. We cannot ignore any question.**
 - 1. Questions are a good sign.
 - 2. Shows some interest or they keep a person involved.
 - 3. Often, we anticipate questions.
- B. Colossians 4:1-6.**
 - 1. Meaning, the manner and the message.
 - 2. **2 Timothy 2:15.**
 - 3. **1 Peter 3:15.**

II. KINDS OF QUESTIONS.

- A. Sincere.**
 - 1. The person wants to know. This is a good situation and can get to the heart of a problem.
 - 2. Answer from the Bible. Emphasize book, chapter, and verse.
 - 3. **Acts 8:30-35.** Notice the eunuch's questions.
- B. Premature.**
 - 1. Not enough background to understand.
 - 2. Some will try to get ahead of the study. What to do?
 - 1) Kindly postpone by saying we will cover that later.
 - 2) "Please write that down and we will look at that later."
- C. Prejudiced.**
 - 1. Try to treat it as if it were sincere.
 - 2. If it is in conjunction with your current lesson, try to answer before closing the study.
 - 3. An example: "Do you really believe that the Church of Christ is the only one in which men can be saved?"
 - 1) How to answer?
 - a. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.**
 - b. The Bible speaks of only one church.
 - 2) **Matthew 16:18.**
 - 3) **Ephesians 1:22-23.**
 - 4) **Colossians 1:18, 24.**
 - 4. Another example: Don't you believe that if we just love the Lord we will be saved?
 - 1) Answer: **John 14:15; 2 John 6; 1 John 5:3.**
 - 2) Book, chapter, and verse. Love means that we obey.
- D. Some questions may distract from the study.**
 - 1. Just completely off the subject.

- 1) Where did Cain get his wife?
 - 2) Where exactly was the garden of Eden?
 - 3) Where did the races come from?
 2. **Deuteronomy 29:29** tells us that the “secret things belong to God.”
- E. Some questions may stump the teacher.**
1. What if you do not know?
 - 1) Experience helps.
 - 2) Be honest but never try to bluff your way through a question.
 - 3) A good answer would be --- “I’ll find out by the next study.”
 2. Deal with questions fairly. (Remember: book, chapter, and verse).

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. Questions must not be ignored.**
- B. Remember questions can lead to more study opportunities.**