

MEN'S SUMMIT
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What is my Teenager Thinking?

The two questions your teenager is asking (and how the Bible answers them)

TWO BIG QUESTIONS

1. The big questions that teenagers are asking are not necessarily unique to their _____
2. The two key issues that teenagers are wrestling with are _____ and _____
 - a. Who am I? What defines me? Who defines me? What makes me unique?
 - b. "The world will ask you who you are, and if you don't know, the world will tell you." – Carl Jung
3. QUESTION #1: _____ AM I?
 - a. The more important question behind "Who am I?" is "_____ am I?"
 - i. Where do I come from? Who do I belong to? Where do I belong?
 1. Psalm 139
 - b. Because God is our Creator, He defines our _____
 - c. If we have placed our faith in Christ, we _____ to Him
 - d. In a sense, we are "doubly owned"...we are owned through _____ and _____
 - e. God has given us our identity through creating us
 - i. We have been created in the _____
 - ii. ²⁶ "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness' ... ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." – Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)
 - iii. ¹⁷ "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God, making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (ESV)
 - f. At the moment of regeneration, we become _____ for Christ
 - i. Our purpose as Christians is intricately connected and an _____ of our _____

4. QUESTION #2: WHAT IS MY _____ ?
- a. When we _____ our identity we begin to lose sight of our _____
 - i. “² For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification...” – 1 Thessalonians 4:2-3a (ESV)
 - ii. “⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” – 1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

HOW DO WE FOSTER BIBLICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR TEENAGERS AROUND THESE TOPICS?

1. _____ to and with them
 - b. “¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)
2. In your _____, use language that reinforces their _____
3. Encourage them to explore how God has _____
 - c. Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12
4. Help _____ them into the life of the church
5. Ask _____ and _____ questions

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the big questions that your teenagers are asking? If you do not have a teenager, what are some big questions you remember asking at that age (or are currently asking??)
2. How does knowing who God is lead us to understanding our identity? What are some ways you need to grow in this area? What are some ways that we can disciple our teenagers (or children of any age!) to see these truths?
3. Why is the Bible the foundation for understanding our identity and purpose? Do any verses or passages come to mind as you think about how the Bible addresses these topics?
4. How can we pray for you as you parent (or potentially prepare to parent someday, God willing!) your teenager? What are some ways that you can praise God for how He is working in your teenagers? What are some struggles we can pray for?