



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3 Episode 16

Can I Question God?

Why is Zechariah punished for questioning God when Mary asks the same question? Today, we'll discuss that while on the surface these questions look similar, they're very different at the heart.

Introduction

Recap: For the past several weeks, we have been looking at Zechariah and Elizabeth, Gabriel's announcement to Zechariah that he would have a son named John, and the promise of the unique characteristics of John.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

What do you think are some common misconceptions about repentance?

How would you describe repentance to someone who is an unbeliever?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud **Luke 1:18-20** and **Genesis 15:5-8**.

Why do you think Zechariah gets punished when Mary asks a similar question? (Luke 1:34)

Have someone read aloud **Genesis 15:5-8**, **Judges 6:36-40**, and **2 Kings 20:8-11**.

What are the similarities and differences between Zechariah's question and other examples throughout the Bible?



Application

What does it look like to biblically approach God with our questions?

What are other places we are tempted to turn to when we have questions? Why?

What happens when we turn to something other than God with our questions?

For Next Week:

What's the final phrase of Luke 1:25 connected to in the Old Testament?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

**Are there any questions or concerns you need to bring to God?
Ask the Lord to give us peace when we don't receive an answer or
the answer we want.**

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[Asking Better Questions of the Bible: A Guide for the Wounded, Wary, and Longing for More](#) by Marty Solomon

If you are interested in learning more about how to ask good questions about the Word of God, check out this resource from Marty Solomon of the *BEMA Discipleship Podcast*.

