

# Lesson Eight: Questions

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## Unlock with Questions

1. Describe how you answer questions. Are you slow? thoughtful? rapid-fire? circumspect? in the moment? Do you avoid them? Do you go deep in your answers or stay on the surface?
  2. Ask everyone at your table an **easy** question.
  3. Ask everyone at your table a **personal** question.
  4. What's your magic formula for asking a great question?
  5. What does **listening** have to do with **answering**?
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## Unlock New Thoughts

Jesus' questions are ...

The majority of Jesus' questions are about ...

### Some of Jesus' Questions

John 1

John 6

John 8

Jesus' questions reveal ...

As John records his years with Jesus,  
\*Jesus begins His ministry with a question,  
John 1:38: \_\_\_\_\_

\*begins His Passion (the process of His crucifixion) with a question,  
John 18:4 and 7: \_\_\_\_\_

\*and ends His ministry with a question.  
John 21:22: \_\_\_\_\_

All of Jesus' questions in the gospel of John are listed here for you (back side of the page). Simmer in them, look up their context, allow them to challenge you. As you ponder these, may you find in Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit all of the answers to your questions. They are worthy, even when we cannot comprehend their answers.

Unlock the Scriptures: Fill in the chart below with missing information.

He asked	To/of whom	Reference	Think more!
		1:38	
Dear woman, why do you involve Me?		2:4	
You are Israel's teacher, and do you not understand these things?		3:10	
		3:12	
Will you give Me a drink?		4:7	
Do you want to get well?		5:6	
		5:44	
		5:47	
		6:5	
Does this offend you?		6:61	
You do not want to leave too, do you?		6:67	
		6:70	
		7:19	
		7:23	
Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?		8:10	
Do you believe in the Son of Man?		9:35	
I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone Me?		10:32	
		10:36	
Why then do you accuse Me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son?'"		10:36	
		11:25,26	
Where have you laid [Lazarus]?		11:34	
		11:40	
		12:27	
Do you understand what I have done for you?		13:12	*****
		14:9	
Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me?		14:10	

Now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you asks, 'Where are You going?'		16:5	
		16:19	
		18:4,7	
		18:11	
I said nothing in secret. Why question Me? Ask those who heard Me.		18:21	
		18:23	
Is that your own idea, or did others talk about Me?		18:34	
		20:15	
Friends, haven't you any fish?		21:5	
		21:15-17	
		21:22	

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### Lock It In:

Jesus' answer for comparison: "What is that to you? You must follow Me."

Theme picture for the devotional booklet: locks.

A good question behaves like a key to a locked room that is full of treasures to discover. Will you put in the time, create the space, and pray to enter into the vast, mysterious room of God's great heart? He's asking you to come in. the invitation is in His hand and extended to you: will you answer Him?

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### Lock It Down:

Do you see that many of Jesus' questions are relevant today, for you and for me, right now? Spend some time thinking through one of the questions you marked in the table above.

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### Bonus Features: More Resources; Conversation Starters at the Table or in the Car

I know it sounds obvious ... but ask good questions! :-) Also check Job's question and God's questions: Job 38-41. Consider this: Job's questions about his suffering are never addressed:

Instead, God asks Job questions. God points only to His own mightiness and holiness expressed through His creative power.