



A FOUR-WEEK SERIES ON **DOUBT AND QUESTIONS** FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Series Overview

Let's face it, life isn't easy. In times of loss, grief, pain, or doubt, it's normal to have questions — and it's okay to ask them. If you've ever tried to make sense of your circumstances, or wished life didn't have to hurt so much, or wondered why God won't fix what you're going through, you're not alone. In this 4-week series, we'll hear about a few people from Scripture who know exactly what it's like. With Esther, David, Peter, Amos, and John, we'll explore hard questions you thought you weren't allowed to ask, like "When people are hurting, **where is God?** When I'm hurting, **does God leave me?** If God is good, **why do bad things happen?** And when life hurts, **is God listening?**"

Week 1

Scripture: Esther 4:11-16, 7:1-10; I John 3:17-18; Proverbs 29:7

Summary: We're looking at THE STORY OF Esther and asking the question, "When people hurt, here is God?"

Week 2

Scripture: Psalm 22, 42:9-11; Matthew 27:39-46; Hebrews 1:1-3a; II Corinthians 1:3-4

Summary: We're looking at the psalmists and Jesus and asking the question, "When I'm hurting, why does God feel far away?"

Week 3

Scripture: Amos 5 :10-15; Revelation 2 1:1-5a; Psalm 32:5

Summary: We're looking at stories from Amos to Revelation and asking the question, "If God is good, why do bad things happen?"

Week 4

Scripture: Psalm 91; I John 5:14; Lamentations 3:55-56

Summary: We're looking at the words of Moses, Jeremiah and John and asking the question, "When life hurts, is God listening?"

Tip of the Month

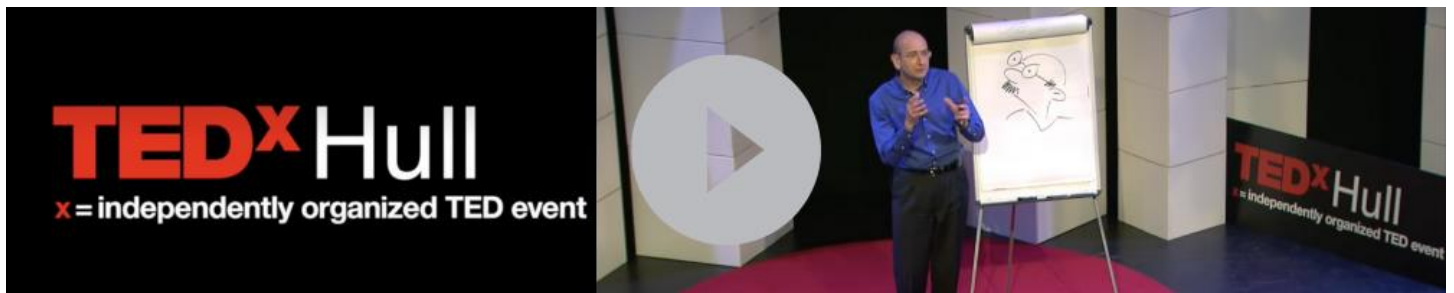
You are the coolest parent we know! Now, you may not feel trendy, outgoing, or young enough for teenagers to think you're cool, but the good news is that every single one of those things matters much less than we tend to think. Whether or not your teenager or their friends ever call you cool, [you can be the greatest influence in their life!](#)

Spiritual Practice of the Month

Pray your questions.

The Psalms and Wisdom Literature in the Bible is full of people bringing their questions and doubts to God in prayer. As we ask these question each week, we want to practice praying on behalf of ourselves and others, specifically over our doubts and questions.

Resource of the Month



[YOU CAN DRAW!](#) Many of you will read that and not believe it. Many more would read that and not believe it if the word “draw” was replaced with “dance,” “lead,” or “change the world.” The point is you are capable of more than you probably think you are and we want you to believe what we already know to be true.

Question of the Month

We consider our volunteer leaders to be the best link we have between our church and your family. So here's a question: **Have you had a conversation with your teenager's leader yet this year?**