

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our
King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Questions—We all have them.

Jesus is the greatest teacher of all times. If you believe this to be true, as I do, then it stands to reason that we should take note of the way He taught and the way the people learned.

One way, which we are going to focus on specifically here at Pleasant Valley, is by asking and answering Questions. What did the apostle Paul find in Athens? Men sitting around all day for no other reason than “to tell or to hear some new thing.” (Acts 17 : 21)

In one sense we need to be more like the Athenians. We need a desire to learn, to gain knowledge. The way we can do this is by taking a page from Jesus, asking and answering Questions.

Questions—We all have them. But is asking questions good? Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes that his pursuit of worldly wisdom was like grasping for the wind. Yet, he understood that there was wisdom worthy to have—God’s wisdom. Think about how many times the Bible speaks of Jesus asking and answering Questions. Why did He do this? So that people would learn.

I want you to think back to when you were little—How many questions did you have? Why is the sky blue, why is grandma old, etc. We had a desire to learn. What happened?!?!? The little child in each of us was told to be quiet and stop bugging everyone with questions. We have taken this to the extreme, where we do not ask questions at all.

Jesus told His disciples to “become as little children” (Matthew 18 : 3) it’s time to listen to what Jesus said. It’s time to ask questions again.

What questions do you have? Ask and you will receive.

“What is the box for?”

Wondering minds have wanted to know ever since the box appeared, “What is it for?” Some guessed that you will all have “homework” to turn in. To ease your minds, No, that is not what it is for.

Each of you have a question, or two, about the Bible, and yet it never gets asked. Probably because we are not studying that subject so it never seems like the right time to ask it.

Now is the perfect time!

So—What is the box for? It is for your questions. On the side of the box you will find sheets for your questions. Once a quarter I will put together a lesson driven by your questions. The question will be shown, and a Biblical answer will be given.

Here is what I ask of you:

1. Your question should be of a Biblical nature. I know that is very vague. I, to the best of my ability, will answer anything you ask. So ask away. What is it that you want to know?
2. Put your name on your question sheet. I will not reveal to the congregation who asked what question, but if I need to ask you a question I can. Also, the box is locked so no one will see your question unless you show them.
3. Do not be embarrassed about your question. We are all at different points in our faith; so ask and don't be embarrassed.
4. Ask often, fill the box if you have to. The more questions we ask the better we all will learn.
5. Use a separate sheet for each different question topic. This will allow me to sort through and group them easier.