



Lewiston Church of Christ

August 16, 2020



Why?

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Never quench the curiosity of a child. As the wonders of the world come to their attention, we welcome their questions. Every time a child asks “why,” their teachability is rising to the surface.

God welcomes *why* questions. I looked it up--the word “why” occurs **391** times in the New American Standard translation of the Bible (**510** times in the New International Version). Our father understands our dilemmas and is not offended by the word “why.”

In despair, Job asked, “Why did I not die at birth?” (Job 3:11). Feeling distraught, he asked God, “Why have You set me as Your target” (Job 7:20). Amid all his questions, Job never forsook God and God never forsook Job.

Habakkuk, the questioning prophet, addressed the Lord directly, asking, “Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness?” (Habakkuk 1:3). He continued, “Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?” (1:13). Tough questions indeed.

In great physical, emotional, and spiritual anguish, Jesus cried out from the cross, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34; possibly quoting Psalm 22:1). Interpretations vary over this expression but the word “why” stands out!

Later, the Risen Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus and asked him a tough question: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 22:7). Saul was persecuting Christians and Jesus took it personally. Saul replied, “Who are You, Lord?” Jesus answered, “I am Jesus the Nazarene whom you are persecuting.” (22:8). Saul (later re-named Paul) went to see Ananias who challenged Saul with another direct *why* question: “Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name” (Acts 22:16).

So, it's fine to ask “why” but there comes a time for us all to ask, “why not?”

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