

A Briefing for the series 'Honest Questions'

At the end of 2020 we asked people to give us their honest questions that have arisen in the current situation. What troubles you deep in the night? What questions are your friends asking? What doubts or issues are you holding privately, unsure if you are the only one or if it's ok to question God at all?

The Bible is full of people questioning God. In this series we aim to use the Bible to help us frame and tackle difficult issues. There may not be neat and perfect answers but by exploring from fresh angles, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we look to grow closer to God and more confident in him.

January 17th Preaching Paul Leading Jo

Why is there so much suffering in the world? (an experience- based look at suffering)

January 24th Preaching: Aidan Leading: Paul

How can a loving God allow so much suffering in His world? (a theological look at suffering)

January 31st Preaching: Jo Leading: Paul

What's the point of praying?

February 7th Preaching: Nigel Leading; Aidan

How do we interpret the Bible for our day?

February 14th Preaching: Anita Leading: Jo

Where is God in all this?

Resources - Apologetics and Questions based

The Unbelievable podcast - this is a podcast based on dialogue that has been going for 15 or more years and has covered every topic under the sun and is immensely useful for seeing different sides of various discussions be it Christian vs non-Christian or differing Christian standpoints.

<https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Saturday/Unbelievable>

Andrew Wilson talk - How could a loving God possible allow so much suffering - Anita and I have both vouched for how brilliant a resource this is. <https://www.bethinking.org/would-a-good-god-allow-suffering/how-could-a-loving-god-possibly-allow-so-much-suffering>

Big objections Christ Church Eastbourne series - Other topics mostly covered by Andrew Wilson at his old church (note he is a conservative evangelical from New Frontiers albeit a good example of one and isn't mean) -

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8TXoU1gGvHSf2A_G1eGZmTc1gO67mIUx

Big Objections King's Church High Wycombe - This is the series when it was taken up by my (Aidan's) home church and they covered some of the same, some different topics. Again a conservative evangelical new frontiers church but the topics were covered well I think.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQfg2e6zEzBnvHxFzPNZSi-EQucZFmHld>

UCCF - Bethinking resources - Over the last 10 years UCCF have produced a series of resources to help students explore the gospels of Mark, Luke and John. Accompanied with those resources are videos they have produced to answer spinoff questions and there is now a really good bank of videos - some of them are answers and some of them are stories. They have all been pooled together on the bethinking website - on this website they have also brought in talks from beyond UCCF

<https://www.bethinking.org/index>