

Good questions often take some forethought. It takes work to prepare good questions. Listen intently for opportunities where a great question can be asked.

Do not be afraid of silence. Students need to know that you will wait for them to engage. Don't bail them out by answering the question yourself.

It's important for students to know that their opinions and thoughts are respected and safe.

Our purpose is to help students **discover** the main Biblical truth presented, **understand** what it means, and **apply** it personally to their life. We want students to learn on their own, therefore we need to ask questions that will help them think and believe for themselves.

GOOD QUESTION ASKING

Maintain a healthy balance between being the facilitator and teacher. You will have opportunities to interject truth and you will need to do so from time to time. Remember though, a student who is able to explain truth back to you knows a lot more than when you are trying to teach it to him.

Always ask open-ended questions. If *yes* or *no* could be the answer, then you have asked a bad question. "What do you think?," "What does this mean?," and "How does this apply?" are always good questions to ask. When in doubt, just ask "Why?"

Other good questions to ask: "Tell me" "Describe for me" or "Show me"

Good small group discussions depend as much upon the people in the room as anything else. Look to those students with energy to help get the conversation going. Be careful not to let them dominate, though!

