

Jesus Questions

Fall 2018 Week by week schedule for Leaders

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| Week 0: Sep 4-7 (first week of class) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruit your members for Jesus Question study. Study begins next week.• Personalized invitations work best (email, face-to-face)• Register your groupmates by going to www.calvin.edu/go/bible-study; click on Non-Dorm or Dorm groups: the link will take you to SignUpGenius where you can input your group's information.• Groups meet for first time next week. |
| Week 1, Sept. 10-14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Print pdf of the 20 Jesus Questions (www.calvin.edu/go/bible-study). Cut them up, place in a cool jar (do this beforehand).• When group meets: Give Introduction to The Jesus Questions to your group (refer to Training video sent by Pastor Joella).• Establish/confirm the Time, Day, and Location you will meet.• Decide with your group whether each person will pick an individual question or if the whole group will live with the same question picked by a designated question picker. You can mix it up as you go (e.g. individual question first 3 weeks; then group question 4th week).• Pray over your questions and group members (refer to <i>The Jesus Questions prayer</i> in the <i>Introduction</i> of the book).• Pick question 1. |
| Week 2, Sept. 17-21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experiences with question 1.• Discussion questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>How was it living with this question for the week?</i><i>When did Jesus first ask this question?</i><i>How did that person respond?</i><i>How has your compassion for that person in scripture grown?</i><i>How has your relationship with Jesus been impacted?</i><i>What are the possible ways we could answer this question?</i>• Pick question 2 |

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Week 3, Sept. 24-28

- Share experiences with question 2
- Pick question 3
- Give instruction for Creative response to your question.

Write a haiku for next week based on your question 3.

As you live with this question this week, sometime toward the end, day 5 or 6 or 7, write a haiku to describe what you are experiencing. This is meant to be fun, a creative response—don't make it a chore or too laborious of a task.

Haiku: a style of verse, of Japanese origin, written in 3 lines

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 3- 5 syllables

Write about what you observe – in yourself, around you, where you see/feel/sense God at work through your engagement with this question.

Characteristics of a haiku (guidelines, not rules).

- A focus on nature.
- A "season word" such as "snow" which tells the reader what time of year it is.
- Instead of saying how a scene makes him or her feel, the poet shows the details that caused that emotion. If the sight of an empty winter sky made the poet feel lonely, describing that sky can give the same feeling to the reader.

Here are three examples of haiku from Basho Matsuo (1644-1694), considered the greatest haiku poet:

An old silent pond...
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again.

Autumn moonlight—
a worm digs silently
into the chestnut.

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| | <p>In the twilight rain these brilliant-hued hibiscus - A lovely sunset.¹</p> <p><i>Pair it down to 5-7-5. Simple, challenging</i></p> |
| Week 4, Oct. 1-5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experience with question 3 + general reflection on the last 3 weeks (prayer life, life with Jesus) + share haikus• Send haikus (with permission) to campus ministries campusministries@calvin.edu or deliver to Commons Annex 150.• Do not pick new question. Rest week.• Next week: meet for life together, but no debriefing of a question. |
| Week 5, Oct. 8-12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet to gather: tea & cookies, hear updates on life, but no debriefing of a question.• Pick question 4. |
| Week 6, Oct. 15-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experience with question 4.• Pick question 5 |
| Week 7, Oct. 22-26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experience with question 5• Pick question 6 |
| Week 8, Oct. 29-Nov 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experience with question 6• Pick question 7 |
| Week 9, Nov. 5-9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share experience with question 7• Don't pick new question.• For next week: reflect on the last 3 weeks.• Creative response round 2: Drawing, 30-second video, series of photographs w/ captions, letter to Jesus, scripted conversation to Jesus, animation, song, haiku, etc. |

¹ <https://www.creative-writing-now.com/how-to-write-a-haiku.html>

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| Week 10, Nov. 12-16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather for last time. Reflect on experience as a whole.• Share creative responses. (With permission for sharing) please send to campusministries@calvin.edu or drop off at Commons Annex 150. We would like to share them to the campus ministries facebook or Instagram pages• Moving forward? What is each person's vision for moving forward in their life with Jesus?• Please record and send to Pastor Joella (pastorjoella@calvin.edu) responses from your group on: <i>What did you learn? How was this experience?</i> |