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## **Ask Questions! You'll Hear Their Heart – Discussion Guide**

### ***Section 1***

Discuss what you applied in the past seven days from the last Overflow Show.

Read Luke 2:41-45 What characteristics in Jesus' interaction with the Jewish teachers in the temple might have been good for starting a relationship with them.

### ***Section 2***

Go to [www.OverflowShow.com](http://www.OverflowShow.com) and listen to the 5-minute podcast titled "Ask Questions! You'll Hear Their Heart."

### ***Section 3***

What did you think? What stood out to you as you listened?

Randy Newman says asking questions is a form of ministry absolutely anyone can do. What do you think about that?

Why does he think that asking a question can at times be a better way of delivering truth than a direct or immediate answer?

Let's list 5 fairly brash statements that are thrown at Christians in our culture today as statements of skepticism or criticism.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

(Perhaps: The church is full of hypocrites! There is no proof of God. Men fabricated the Bible).

Do you remember what Newman's pre-answer questions were...Questions that he would ask his friend just before answering him with truth? Let's try to list them:

- a. Would you like it if....
- b. Isn't it possible that...
- c. Hmm. Maybe. But what are other possibilities....

Now let's try to use some of Newman's 3 pre-answer questions to at least begin an answer to the 5 tough statements that just listed. Who wants to tackle one of the 5 tough questions?

Why does Newman contend that non-believers mostly are creatures of blind faith?

Role-play. We need to split up into 2 teams. One team will pretend to be a believer in a conversation. The other team will speak for the non-believer. Practice an encounter where the non-believer states a conviction based on his scientific or philosophical opinions, and the believer shows him that he is exercising faith, even possibly blind faith.

## **Section 4**

Discuss some ways we could apply a few of these principles in the next 7 days?

*One suggestion (if needed): Try to sit by non-Christian friends at lunch, talk to a neighbor, or walk to class with a friend and concentrate on asking him questions about his life or outlooks or hobbies or family. Spend a week being a question asking listener and see if friendships deepen at all.*

Overflow enthusiastically recommends the book QUESTIONING EVANGELISM by Randy Newman, from Kregel Publications.

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