

Training Module for *We Believe: Faithfully Asking Questions (FAQ) and Faith Questions*

Supplies Needed

Index cards, pens, small basket, copies of sample sessions from *Faithfully Asking Questions (FAQ)* and *Faith Questions*, copies of Youth Curriculum Feature Sheet

Opening

Give each participant an index card and a pen. Invite each participant to write a question that he or she has about the triune God, the Bible, the church, or his or her faith. Collect the cards in the basket. Select one of the cards from the basket and read it out loud to the group, giving group members an opportunity to discuss the question on the card. Continue this process for each of the cards in the basket, then explore the following questions:

- Why is the practice of inviting questions an important teaching tool?
- Why is it important to invite young people to raise biblical and theological questions?
- How do you think the young people you work with would respond to the opportunity to raise and explore biblical and theological questions together?

Exploring

Share the information in the Overview section of the Feature Sheet with the participants. Then give each person a sample session from *Faithfully Asking Questions (FAQ)* and *Faith Questions*. Write the following questions on a sheet of newsprint and invite participants to work alone or in pairs to respond to each question.

- How is this session organized?
- What is the Spiritual Reflection for Leaders?
- What kind of background information is available in the session to help prepare the leader for the session?
- Where do you go to download the Web Resources?
- What advice or instructions would you give to a leader who had thirty minutes to prepare for this session?
- What kinds of learning activities are available in the Enhancements section?
- For *Faith Questions*: What is the Coffeehouse Version?
- How are the two sample sessions similar? How are they different?

After a few minutes, invite participants to share their responses to the questions they discussed and then give each participant a copy of the Feature Sheet. Review the Feature Sheet together.

Connecting

Discuss the following questions:

- What excites you about this new curriculum?
- What features do you like or not like?

Partnering

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