

Youth Parent Letter – Fall 2025



Dear Parents,

First, I wanted to say thank you for investing in the spiritual growth of your student by helping them be a part of Good News Youth. I know so many Christians (myself included!) who had such significant spiritual growth and the development of lifelong friendships through being actively involved in a youth group. Spiritual growth in these years can be literally life changing!

Second, I want you to know what we are studying this semester so that you can facilitate ongoing conversations at home as well. Our goal is to do an apologetic study on what the Bible has to say in answer to common objections to the Christian faith. We want to equip our students so they are prepared to discuss these things when they meet a co-worker, college roommate or new friend who questions what they believe. Our goal is to help them build their faith on a firm foundation so it will not be shaken by these objections.

The book we will be using for the basis of this study is *"10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity"* by Rebecca McLaughlin. I'd highly recommend parents get a copy to read along with our study this semester. It is around \$8 for Kindle version or paperback on Amazon. I'd like to list the dates and study topics, with the sub-topics so you are informed of what we will be discussing. Some of these topics can be sensitive, and I want to assure you we will be considerate of age differences, and keep some discussions for our age-divided break out groups.

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| Aug 27 | 1. How can I live my best life now?
<i>Mental and Physical Health Benefits of the Christian Life</i> |
| Sept 3 | 2. Isn't Christianity against diversity?
<i>Racism / Slavery / Christianity as the Most Diverse Movement in History</i> |
| Sept 10 | 3. Can Jesus be true for you but not for me?
<i>Universal Truth / Relativism / Evangelism</i> |
| Sept 24 | 4. Can't we just be good without God?
<i>God as the Basis for Morality / 9-11 / Hitler / Stalin / Human Identity / Abortion</i> |
| Oct 1 | 5. How can you believe the Bible is true?
<i>Evidence for the Gospels / Evidence for the Resurrection / True vs. Literal</i> |
| Oct 8 | 6. Hasn't science disproved Christianity?
<i>Origins of Science / Science and Faith Controversies / Christian Scientists Today</i> |
| Oct 22 | 7. Why can't we just agree that love is love?
<i>Marriage / Sex / Singleness / Friendship / Pornography / Abuse</i> |
| Nov 12 | 8. Who cares if you're a boy or a girl?
<i>Gender / Feminism / Transgender and Non-Binary Identities / Same-Sex Attraction (from ch 7)</i> |
| Nov 19 | 9. Does God care when we hurt?
<i>God's Sovereignty in Suffering / God's Care for Us / Prayer / Purpose</i> |
| Dec 3 | 10. How can you believe in Heaven and Hell?
<i>Meaning of Heaven and Hell / Sin and Judgment / Salvation / Invitation</i> |

Our primary goal is to point to what the Bible says about each topic. It will not be based on our opinions as teachers and leaders, but based on what God's Word teaches. When we discuss chapters 7 and 8, about gender and sexuality, we will also invite parents to come sit in on the lesson, if you'd like to know what was discussed so you can continue these conversations at home as well.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jenny@goodnewsocala.com. Good News is blessed to have an amazing team of youth leaders serving our kids, and I speak for all of us when I say we are SUPER excited for this study and our goal of equipping our kids to be life-long followers of Jesus!

Thank you for allowing us to serve alongside you in this very important endeavor!

Director of Children and Youth, Good News Church