

THE QUESTIONS MILLENNIALS ARE ASKING AND HOW TO APPROACH THEM

1. Questions they are asking

Discuss

- What do you think are the key questions that this generation of young adults are concerned about?
- And what, if anything, makes these questions different to previous generations?

a. Our Survey

- Forge leadership survey
- 442 Millennial 'leaders' (born 1984-2000)
- Gen Z is (2000-2015)
- Even split between genders

Where can I find real happiness?	46.6%
How can I reconcile science and religion?	41.9%
Can there be real justice?	33.5%
Where do I belong?	32.8%
Who can I trust?	21.3%
Who is God?	19.5%
What will happen to me when I die?	17.6%
What does it mean to be human?	15.2%

Discuss

- In what ways have you noticed this shift in the questions that young adults are asking?
- Do you think the church is addressing these questions (in general)?

2. Why are we asking this?

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honour. He who answers a matter before he hears it— this is folly and disgrace to him."

Proverbs 18:13-14

"But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give a defence to everyone who asks you the reason for the hope that is in you. But respond with gentleness and respect,"

1 Peter 3:15

a. Our view of God

- Declining presumption of Christianity
- Growth of 'fuzzy nones' and 'spiritual but not religious' - SBNR
- The 'turn-off' of New-Atheism

b. Our view of truth

- Power and increasing suspicion
- Post-truth
- Beauty and emotion matter too

c. Our view of justice

- Jonathan Haidt - tastes - The Unrighteous Mind
- Conservatives more balanced (older generations)
- Liberals (younger generation) - exclusively focused on fairness and liberty

Discuss

- Which one of those areas (God, truth, justice) do you think poses the biggest challenge for engaging young adults with the gospel and why?