

“Who do you think you are?” Have you ever been asked that question? Or maybe you were the one asking it? What usually prompts that question? And what are its accompanying emotions and tone?

“Daddy, if frogs come from frogs, and I came from Mommy, where did God come from? I am willing to bet you attached vastly different emotions and an entirely different tone to that question.

Have you ever been told, “There is no such thing as a stupid question.” Well, I question that. I seem to faintly remember deliberately asking stupid questions, fueled by my teenage smart-aleckness, just to drive the teacher who told us, “There is no such thing as a stupid question,” crazy.

The truth is there are all kinds of different questions, good questions, sincere questions, stupid questions, mean questions, probing questions, hurtful questions, rhetorical questions, hard and easy questions, challenging-you-to-think questions, trying-to-figure-it-out/diagnosing questions, designed to make you fail, trip you up, misleading questions, trick questions, necessary questions, and if you have ever been with a curious toddler, one question too many.

Things are tense in Luke chapter 20, the Jewish leadership, “chief priests, scribes, and leading men,” are none too pleased with Jesus, who literally had just turned things upside down in the temple and had publicly exposed these men’s failure, greed, and corruption, not to speak of the jealousy Jesus’ popularity boiling within them. Besides their backroom plotting to dispose of Jesus they also determined to engage him publicly to expose, embarrass, and make him look stupid. So, it is not surprising that their first question was an attacking one, **“Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority”** Luke 20:2 (ESV), which is essentially like saying, “Who do you think you are?!”

In their pride, anger, and malice they underestimated Jesus, who answered their question with a question of his own, **“I also will ask you a question. Now tell me, was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?”** Luke 20:3-4 (ESV). What do you think was Jesus’ tone compared to his challengers’? What we do know is he kept his cool, he didn’t let himself get roped into a grown men pissing contest. It would

have been easy for Jesus to defend his authority (see Mark 2:1-10), instead, he chose to silence them with a question that created a dilemma for them. Luke records, **“And they discussed it with one another, saying, ‘If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From man,’ all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet. So they answered that they did not know where it came from. And Jesus said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things’”** Luke 20:5-8 (ESV).

They weren’t done yet, their next question was about taxes, and then they posed a hypothetical about resurrection and marriage, but you can read that for yourself if you’re interested in Jesus’ answers. However, before you do, think with me a bit more about this “Who do you think you are?” confrontation by asking some more questions.

- How smart is it to try to outsmart God, to challenge Jesus? Do you think what you think about God/Jesus is wiser and more authoritative than what God has said about Himself?
- How well do you think Jesus knew those men, and how well did those men know Jesus? How wide do you think is that gap between the knowledge of finite you and me and the infinite God?
- How much do you determine in your life because you are more fearful of people than you are of God? How well do you respond when God shows you the truth about yourself?
- How much do pride, power, greed, and jealousy influence how you talk with and treat others? Are you addressing, and changing the attitudes and habits that cause you to treat others badly, less than kind?
- You can ask God any question, He won’t be surprised by it, but are you prepared to hear and respond to His answer?

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Mixsooke family (friends of Noah Martin), Gary (brother in-law of Karen), Rachel's Health, our Country's leadership, and those dealing with addiction(s).

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs, Jacob Bowden

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler, Jerry Lyman,
Sarah Storey, April Wilcox



VBS: Magnified!

Coming to Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church

July 21 - 25

Volunteers needed!

Please sign up in the foyer

For more information: Susie (209) 247-9234

Sermon Notes:

March Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday's @ 6:00 PM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 PM
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday's @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare: Wednesday's, March 5th - April 23rd @ 6:30 PM
- Chicken Foot - Thursday's @ 1:00 PM
- Bunco: Monday, April 14th @ 11:30 AM

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Merle's Class"

Thank you

Next week "Hans' Class" is up!!

"2025 Tanzania Mission Trip"

November 2nd - 18th

(See Pastor Hans for further details)

Don't forget to check out the sermon on our website:
ldpbaptistchurch.com for you and your whole family.
Maybe even a neighbor ;)



Giving

March 16, 2025

Offering:
\$2024.08

Facilities:
\$25.00

Food:
\$25.00

Books:
\$25.00

GriefShare:
\$20.00

VBS:
\$60.00

Attendance:
92

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:
9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:
10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday
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GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Give

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)



Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2025
March 24th - March 30th

DAY 1 - Nahu. 1-3
(Prov. 24)

DAY 2 - Hab. 1-3
(Prov. 25)

DAY 3 - Zap. 1-3
(Prov. 26)

DAY 4 - Hag. 1-2
(Prov. 27)

DAY 5 - Mala. 1-2
(Prov. 28)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 29)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 30)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.