

# Big HEART Questions!

Here's a **specific** and powerful witnessing tip:  
2 questions that will *challenge people's hearts*.

God's Word essentially teaches that man knows—or *would* know—the truth about Him, if they didn't "suppress the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18,19; John 3:19,20 & 7:17).

So at some point in my conversation with an atheist or agnostic (=most teenagers), I'll ask them this "hypothetical" question:

"If there IS an awesome God who **radically** loves you, and Who WANTS you to Know Him—would you *want* to know Him? Usually they'll answer yes.

Then I'll say, "Now if I add to that, in order to *know* Him you'd have to be willing to *obey* Him, would that change your answer?" Many will admit, "Yeah, that would change my answer" or "It depends" and here you're getting to the *heart of the matter*.

I'll go on to discuss with them how God's says that's the condition of MOST men's hearts... That even if they KNEW God was real, they wouldn't be willing to obey Him...

(And in that state it's unlikely God will reveal Himself to them).

I get them to look at their own hearts (& try to encourage them to make the right choice about God!)

(If it's the end of our conversation, I also try to give them a SOMETHING to take with them (a tract, a DVD, a Gospel of John, sometimes Val's book)

By the way, many kids say "Yes, they WOULD be willing to obey Him!" In that case I continue to converse with them and share the Gospel (or address what skepticism they may have). Sometimes you get to lead them through a sinner's prayer!

More often they still need to hear more of God's truth, and may need time for that to "germinate" or be watered (or they may need to reach their own "Crossroads"). In any case we don't try to "push" them into a sinner's prayer they're not ready for; if there's not true repentance there won't be a true conversion either (and ESPECIALLY if you tell

them, “Now you’re saved and going to heaven!”... They can later say, “I tried that Jesus stuff and it didn’t work!”)

Also it’s often difficult to lead someone in a prayer in front of their friends (so I tell them how to later when they’re alone with God).

(More often though they will let *you* pray for *them*—it’s a great idea to ask!—and pray for them right then (in person!))

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