

Sample Questions for Final Review by the Pastor

These are questions that can aid the pastor in conducting a final review of the *God and Life* curriculum. Please do not ask all the questions. The intent of the final review is not to quiz or “stump” the young person, but to dialogue with the youth and help him or her express what has been learned. The questions below are to be used to discover what the youth is eager to share with you. Find the questions that resonate with the youth. The final review may be done with one student or with a group of students.

God and Life is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. This is a brief account that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever. Five chronological "events" out of this story were highlighted and used as the focus for the five different sections in this program. Each section illustrated a key element in learning how to live one's life for Christ:

Section 1: GOD CALLS ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE

- Describe Paul before his conversion. Why would God call somebody like that?
- Tell me about somebody else in the Bible who seemed to be an unlikely choice for God to pick.
- What about you? How do you feel knowing that God can call a young person like yourself?
- What stood out for you in this lesson? Read what you wrote in the REFLECT section on page 7.
- Tell me about your service project on page 8.

Section 2: GOD DOESN'T EXPECT US TO DO IT ON OUR OWN

- God didn't expect Paul to do it on his own. Describe how Paul was helped in his Christian ministry.
- What other men and women in the Bible stand out for you and teach you the importance of the community of believers?
- How difficult is this lesson for you? Do you tend to accept help from other people or isolate yourself and be self-reliant?
- What stood out for you in this lesson? Read what you wrote in the REFLECT section on page 12.
- Tell me about your service project on page 13.

Section 3: EACH OF US MUST MAKE A PERSONAL RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF GOD.

- Paul was baptized by Ananias. How is baptism a part of God's plan?
- Describe the work of the Holy Spirit. How have you felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit in your own life?
- What are some of the things that prevent us from responding to the prompting of the Spirit? What are some of the stories that you remember about the responses of some of the men and women in the Bible?
- What is your response to God? Show me the timeline that you made of your faith development. Explain it to me.
- What stood out for you in this lesson? Read what you wrote in the REFLECT section on page 17.
- Tell me about your service project on page 18.

Section 4: GOD GIVES STRENGTH TO FACE ADVERSITIES

- Describe the suffering and persecution that Paul endured. What purpose did it serve?
- Describe the suffering that other men and women in the Bible endured.
- What challenges have you faced? What pain have you experienced? What Bible verse did you choose for question 2 on page 21? Why is that meaningful to you?
- What stood out for you in this lesson? Read what you wrote in the REFLECT section on page 22.
- Tell me about your service project on page 23.

Section 5: GOD CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS THROUGH THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO DO GOD'S WILL.

- Describe Paul's many accomplishments.
- How can you live your life open to God's will? What kind of person do you hope to become?
- Who were the everyday "heroes" that you described in Question 3 on page 26?
- What stood out for you in this lesson? Read what you wrote in the REFLECT section on page 27.
- Please read your Statement of Commitment on page 28. What will it take to keep this commitment? How can I support you?
- Tell me about your service project on page 29.

Note: Please consider writing some comments to the youth on page 30 of the Student Workbook. Highlight something that impressed you about the youth from the interview. Find a way to encourage the youth in their Christian walk.