

The Big Questions Club - Week 2 | Theme: Belief vs Trust

This Week's Philosopher: Søren Kierkegaard

Søren Kierkegaard lived in Denmark in the 1800s and is often called the father of existentialism. He believed that philosophy should be about real life, not just abstract ideas, and that each person has to choose how to live. For him, the biggest question was not just *What do you believe?* but *Are you willing to live like it matters?*

He thought truth wasn't only something you know with your head but something you commit to with your life.

He once said

"Without risk there is no faith. Faith is the highest passion in a human being." Concluding Unscientific Postscript, p. 204

And also

"Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." Journals, 1843

One more to chew on

"The thing is to find a truth which is true for me, to find the idea for which I am willing to live and die."

Papers and Journals, p. 32

In other words

Truth is not just something to think about. It's something to live out. For Kierkegaard, faith and big questions involve trust, courage, and a willingness to grow.

Something to think about

Can you trust something deeply even if you don't have all the answers? Why or why not

Heard in Today's Video

Curious what Jesus said about himself and why it matters? These are some of the verses we heard in today's video:

"I and the Father are one."

- John 10:30

"Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm... "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

- Mark 4:39, 41 (from the story of Jesus calming the storm)

Feel free to think about them or ask questions if you're curious.

A Final Word

Some people think of Jesus as just a wise teacher, others believe he's more than that. The people who knew him best said he calmed storms, healed the sick, and rose from the dead. If that's true, then maybe he's still worth listening to today. So ask your questions, think deeply, and be honest. You're in good company.

Watch It Again

If you want to rewatch this week's video or think more about the big questions we talked about, scan the QR code below. You can revisit the video anytime this week and see if you notice anything new.

