

# Three Questions Every Kid Needs Answered

## *What are the Boundaries?*

*Life is boundaries. The life on earth part begins at conception and ends when we draw our last breath, hopefully many years later. But from first breath until last, life is about boundaries ... living within them and testing their limits. It turns out we all want to know where the fences are, how far is far enough, how good is good enough, how much can I push and get away with. That question begins soon after a child discovers there's something out there beyond themselves, something just out of reach of their tiny hands. In short order, however, they begin to learn that not everything they reach for is helpful, good, or desirable. They discover there are boundaries that are crossed at their own peril. And that's the moment they begin asking, "What are the boundaries?"*

Genesis 2:4–9, 15–17

1. Boundaries keep us \_\_\_\_\_, but also allow us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We face a society where limits and boundaries have \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Without limits, we're driven to \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Three Queries for Christian Behavior:*

1. Is this loving to all concerned?
2. Will this aid in making disciples of Jesus?
3. Could this bring shame to the body of Christ?

### ***My Count Me In! Commitments***

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll set and maintain boundaries
- I'll set and mete consequences
- I'll get honest about what's really important to me

### **Additional Notes**

## **Digging Deeper, Going Further**

### *Three Questions: What are the Boundaries?*

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:4–9, 15–17

**Introduction:** From the moment God created the heavens and the earth, there were boundaries. God divided the darkness from the light and thus was the first boundary. Then came the sky and the waters of the earth. Another boundary. And finally came the first human and the command to eat anything *except* ... Although they often feel like they get in the way, limits and boundaries are necessary for a full and abundant life ... or so the story goes.

1. What is your personal pet peeve? Can you put that peeve in the form of a boundary or a limit?
2. What boundaries do you religiously honor? Which ones do you regularly push the limits on?
3. Read Genesis 2:4–17. What boundaries, both stated and implied, can you identify in this passage?
4. Read James 1:2–4, 13–15. Given these definitions, was the Tree of Knowledge a test or a temptation? Why do you think so?
5. Dr. Bill said we live in a society with eroded boundaries. Which eroded boundaries have been a benefit to our culture? Which have been a detriment?
6. What are the consequences of setting boundaries and then not enforcing consequences when the limits are breached?
7. This week's conversation included the Three Queries for Christian Behavior. Share some practical applications for the queries.

***Who will you invite to worship with you this week?***

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