

Why? Who?

Adrian and 'Young' Stephen.

A: Hello young Stephen, how are you?

S: Good.... Adrian, why do cows eat grass?

A: They like eating grass.

S: Why?

A: Their stomachs are made to eat grass.

S: Why?

A: That's just how God made them.

S: Can I eat grass?

A: No.

S: Why?

A: Your stomach is not made to like grass.

S: Why?

A: God made your stomachs to enjoy lots of yummy food like Pizza.

S: Why?

A: Well he loves you, that's why.

S: Why doesn't God love cows?

A: God does love cows.

S: Then why does he make them eat grass?

A: (Turning to congregation): Do you ask why a lot? ... Maybe it's time to grow up.

S: Why?

A: When people ask God 'why?' a lot they make life hard for themselves, and others, because God does not give us an answer to a lot of our 'whys'. Better to ask 'who?' because we can always answer that question, and when we answer that question we get peace.

S: Jesus!

A: Yes, young Stephen. So remember, don't ask why, ask who.

S: Adrian, who is the governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia?

A: Aaah....

S: Who is Australia's ambassador to Chile?

A: Aaah....

S: Who is your uncle's second cousin,... on your father's side?

A: (Looking up) 'Why God, why?'

S: Adrian, you know the P..salm.mez?

A: The what?

S: Y'know, the P...salm.mez in the Old Temperament.

A: Oh, the Psalms in the Old Testament.

S: Yeah, those ones. Sometimes they ask why.

A: Yes, you're right young Stephen, they do. 'God, why have you forsaken me?' 'Why are you so far from the words of my groaning?'

S: Could that mean its ok for us to ask why too?

A: Wow, that's a good question. Out of the mouths of babes!

S: I'm not a baby, I'm 5.

A: Stephen, I reckon you've hit on something really important here, and that doesn't surprise me, because as the writer of this drama you can make yourself look smart.... I can't believe you made me say that. Makes me sound mean spirited.

S: You're right. Sorry about that Adrian. I won't make you look bad in the next drama.

A: Apology accepted. Anyway, let's get back to the matter of asking why. I can see God is happy to hear our whys. He understands why we ask them. Life in this world is not easy. However, do you notice Stephen that in those Psalms although the writer might start with a why, he ends up giving the answer to who. Even as he asks why, he is holding strongly on to who.

S: Jesus.

A: That's all the answer we need.