

What is this TXT Fondue program about?

So, does this mean you have to be afraid of God the Father?

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the fourth fundament: evangelization and deaconry.

We recommend you to read the book of Luke while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

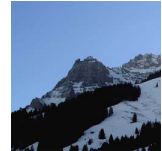
Previous program:
4.04 Feast of Trumpets

This program:
4.05 Fear of the Lord

Next program:
4.06 Compassion

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. This group will start out with several questions about Acts 4:13–22, where it says:

When they [the Sadducees at the Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court] saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

Name three opinions of the Sadducees about the apostles Peter and John.

(answer) Of these five opinions, the other team needs to name three:

1. They were courageous men.
2. They were unschooled (illiterate) men.
3. They were simple or ordinary men.
4. They were a threat to the Jewish religion.
5. They were not guilty of a criminal offense.

2a. Back to Peter and John. What did the Sadducees demand of Peter and John?

(answer) That they would no longer speak at all about King Jesus, nor that they would educate the people in His Name.

3a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)



Peter and John could not do something, in obedience to God the Father. Someone from the team asking the question will explain what it was, without naming the word itself. The other team will try and guess this "forbidden word".

(answer) Listen.

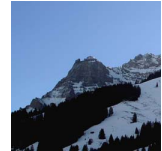
(comment) They had to listen to what the Sadducees told them.

4a. What was it Peter and John just couldn't stop doing, and why couldn't they do that?

(answer) They had seen and heard such marvelous things, that they could not keep themselves from speaking about it. In addition, they could not justify it towards God the Father if they would keep silent.

5a. Why were Peter and John not at all afraid to disobey the Supreme Court (the government)?

(answer) They had nothing left to lose, because they had given themselves entirely to King Jesus. They had no fear of men, but they did have fear of God the Father.



6a. What happens if you are consciously disobedient to God the Father, and you also stay that way?

(answer) He will judge you, and He can then punish or save you, according to your own decisions.

(comment) *Hebrews 10:31 says: "It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

7a. Does King Jesus want people to be punished or saved, or does that depend on their deeds? Please explain.

(answer) The Lord wants everyone to be saved, because He loves every one equally much.

(comment) *John 3:16-17 says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." But everyone has the freedom to choose whether he or she wants to obey God the Father or not.*

8a. Hebrews 12:21b cites Moses, who says: "I am trembling with fear." Please explain what "trembling" and "fear" mean, and what they have to do with one another.

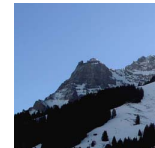
(answer) Fear means you are afraid of something, or what you have awe, respect or reverence for. When you experience this deeply, it creates a strong emotional response that your body needs to express in some way, for example by trembling. You start shaking or quivering. The more awe you have, the more you will feel this in your body.

9a. How can it be that on one hand you fear God the Father and you tremble for Him, while on the other hand 1 John 4:18 says: "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

(answer)

1. Children can greatly admire their Father and perfectly love Him, while in His daily work He is a strict but righteous Judge. Those two things combine well.
2. Parents love their children, while they sometimes have to be strict with them. That also goes for the Father in heaven. This way, you get to know Him better.

(comment) *See the answers to question 8b.*



10a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

**The following questions will be about 1 Peter 5:6–10 (KJV), which says:
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he
may exalt you in due time:**

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring
lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

**Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions
are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

**But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by
Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect,
stablish, strengthen, settle you.**

**This passage lists six steps that we need to take in order to fear the Lord.
Someone from the team asking the question will draw the first step. The
other team will try and guess this first step.**

(answer) "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God."

(comment) Some translations have rephrased it as: "Submit yourself humbly to
God's high authority."

**11a. The third, fourth and fifth step from 1 Peter 5 are: "be sober", "be vigilant" and
"resist the devil". Why are these three steps listed in this order: sober—vigilant—
resist?**

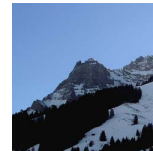
(answer) When you prepare for battle, you make sure you aren't under the influence of
anything that can hinder you. Now you are sober, you stay at your post and you are vigilant.
You continue to look around to see if the enemy is approaching, because the devil will surely
come, and then you must defend your faith in King Jesus through prayer. You keep the devil
away by proclaiming the Name of Jesus aloud, because then he will flee from you.

(comment) This last aspect is explained in James 4:7: "Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

**12a. Acts 2:43 (KJV) says: "And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and
signs were done by the apostles." How can the fear of the Lord also come over you?**

(answer) Everyone was filled with the fear of the Lord when they witnessed the Holy Spirit
working in their midst. This means the Holy Spirit helps you to be filled with fear.

(comment) Some translations use the word "awe" in stead of "fear".



1b. Acts 5:1–6 says:

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong?

(answer) They secretly kept back a part of the income, and lied about it, thinking that God the Father didn't know about this.

2b. In Acts 5:7–10, the story about Ananias and Sapphira continues:

About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."

Peter said to her, "How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

Ananias and Sapphira both got the death penalty. So they had done something punishable. Name a law in the Bible they had violated.

(answer) The other team needs to name only one of these:

1. That you cannot steal.
2. That you cannot lie.
3. That you should not do your own will, but that of King Jesus.

(comment) *These laws are written in Exodus 20:15–16, Leviticus 19:11, and Galatians 2:20.*

3b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

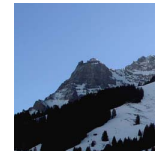
Ananias and Sapphira had failed to understand something about King Jesus.

Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what this is. The other team will try and guess this.

(answer) You cannot keep anything secret from Him.

4b. The news of the death of Ananias and Sapphira went like a wildfire. The final verse of the Bible passage about them is Acts 5:11, which says: "Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events." What was it that shocked the people when they heard this, so they became afraid?

(answer) They did not lie to men, but to God the Father. That's why they fell down and died.



5b. According to the Bible, after which three steps are you a child of God the Father?

(answer) The other team must name all three these points:

1. Conversion;
2. Baptism (in water);
3. Baptism in and fulfillment with the Holy Spirit.

(comment) Acts 2:38 says: "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Romans 8:15 adds: "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"

6b. So God the Judge judges everyone. What is the ultimate reward or punishment?

(answer) Eternal life in heaven, or eternal fire in hell.

7b. How can you be saved and reach heaven?

(answer) King Jesus died on the cross, and this is why He can pay off all sins. When you convert yourself to Him, He takes the punishment for your sins upon Himself, and you may go from darkness into light.

8b. Name one Biblical definition of the fear of the Lord.

(answer) The other team needs to name only one of these:

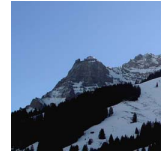
1. You always fear the power of God the Father, which is why you always need to be earnest; it's not something to fool around with, because He is fully and completely just and also full of mercy and truth.
2. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom (Psalm 111:10a; Proverbs 9:10).
3. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of all knowledge (Proverbs 1:7).

9b. Where are Ananias and Sapphira now?

(answer) We may not comment on that. God the Judge is the only One allowed to judge.

(comment) James 4:11-12 says: "Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?"

Romans 2:1-3 says: "You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?"



10b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what the second step is. The other team will try and guess this, without looking at the Bible text.

(answer) "Cast all your care/worries upon Him."

11b. Step 6 speaks of being steadfast in faith, or that you need to let yourself be strengthened by your faith. How can you do this?

(answer) When you use the Name of King Jesus, you are apparently aware of the authority that you appeal to. This is also confirmed, because the devil then flees, as the Bible promises. You can also be certain that the devil will try again, so you also need to courageously keep holding on to that Name until the end.

12b. Do you want perfection, confirmation and a strong foundation?

1 Peter 5:6–10 names the following steps:

- 1. Submit yourself to the Lord;**
- 2. Cast all your worries upon Him;**
- 3. Become sober;**
- 4. Become vigilant (alert);**
- 5. Resist the devil;**
- 6. Stand firm in your faith.**
- 7. Then the God of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make you perfect, stablish [confirm], strengthen, settle you.**

Where do you stand in this process? Determine this for yourself, and speak out to King Jesus in corporate prayer that you want to take the next step, so you may also experience the fear of the Lord.