

Suggested Interview Questions

1. “Peer pressure” has been a buzz word for years. Is there something different about the kind of pressure you’re talking about or that we’re facing today?
2. You’ve taken a very practical approach with this issue of principle-centered living. Why?
3. How has being a pastor helped you come up with this kind of solution? Shouldn’t we be sticking to our values just because it’s the right thing to do?
4. Is it getting harder to do the right thing, or are we just not sure what the right thing is anymore?
5. What about “little white lies,” the things we say or do to smooth over touchy situations? That’s not what you’re talking about, is it? Isn’t that pretty harmless stuff?
6. Sometimes things aren’t very clear-cut. What kinds of questions can we ask ourselves about a particular choice to know if we are being true to our values or not?
7. You’re an expert on ethics in the workplace. Can you describe a situation where someone is asked to lie about something on the job? And, more importantly, how do you handle this kind of situation? No one wants to lose their job or a promotion because they said “no” to their boss.
8. What other kinds of ethical dilemmas come up at work and how do these affect people in leadership positions?
9. How did you come up with the 9 Reasons you outline in your book?
10. What kinds of ethical choices do you find are hardest for: Men? Women? Children? Teens? College Kids? Parents?
11. Who is most at risk for feeling the pressure from outside forces—people, situations, etc.
12. Why does something we ordinarily would not do start to seem OK in the heat of the moment?
13. In other words, what makes us step over the line and do things we that we would not consider doing under “normal” circumstances?
14. Are we more likely to do things against our better judgment when the pressure comes from someone we know or someone we do not know as well?
15. Do you have advice for parents who want to raise kids who stick to their principles?
16. What can we do to protect ourselves from making choices that we will later regret?
17. People have been making poor choices and not doing the right thing since the beginning of time. What else do you bring to the conversation that is new or different?