



“The soul-stirring story teller speaking truth into individuals, marriages, parents and those in need of emotional healing.”

Sample Interview Questions

16 Suggested Discussion Questions for Chris Schimel

In an effort to help you prepare for an interview, we've put together some suggested questions to make you look like an expert without reading the book. Choose whichever ones you prefer, or ask your own questions. These questions are the best way to communicate the most beneficial messages from the book.

1. Chris, you found yourself in the midst of what was literally a life-and-death situation with a family in your congregation. Can you tell us briefly about what happened?
2. You address the signs of a cold marriage in the book that led to the tragedy in the story. What were they? Do you think they are common signs in most marriages?
3. What poor parenting behaviors had some bearing on the tragedy in the story, and why?
4. What was your involvement with the Gils prior to this situation?
5. You've said the lessons in the story are the most powerful part of the story. Why would you say that?
6. Why did you decide to write the book?
7. As you discussed in the book, Raymond and Sarah struggled with a cold marriage. Is the marital coldness they experienced indicative of the state of marriage in our world?
8. How can we protect our marriages from reaching a point of no return?
9. It seems Raymond got caught up in the gay lifestyle primarily due to pornography. What role do you feel pornography plays in marriage problems today?
10. I understand you have also written two books that have become companion books to Murder in the Church. What are they and why do you consider them companion books to Murder in the Church?
11. Raymond appeared in front of your church the Sunday after his daughter died and confessed to the congregation what he had done. What happened on that day?
12. What happened to the Gils after the initial crisis ended?
13. And where is Daniel Rogers today?
14. How has this event impacted your own pastoral ministry?
15. Is homosexuality a sin?
16. In your book you said God spoke to you and your wife. How do you know it was God speaking?