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LESSON # 1: INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Opportunities to Explore the Bible

1) What is a Christian?
________________________________________________________ (Revelation 3:20).

2) What is Christianity?
________________________________________________________ (John 14:15-17).

3) Why is it important to learn how to present the truth of Christianity?
•  _______________________________________________________ (1 Peter 3:15)
•  _______________________________________________________ (John 8:31-32).

4) What does the Bible say about truth?
________________________________________________________ (John 8:31-32).

5) Truth is the opposite of error. If the Christian view of God is true, then...
________________________________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” (1 Peter 3:15).
LESSON # 2: IS GOD KNOWABLE?

Read  John 10:1-18

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) How do sheep know their shepherd?
   (John 10:4).

2) What do we know about God?
   (John 10:14).

3) How can you and I know about God?
   (Colossians 1:15).

   Standing on the ground, it’s easy to believe that a pilot can fly you safely from one place to another. It’s another to actually climb into the plane and trust him to do it.

4) Using this story of the plane and the pilot, what kind of faith does it take to be a Christian?

   

5) What does the Bible say about presenting the truth of Christianity?
   • (Galatians 6:9).
   • (John 5:40).

6) In what manner should you tell people about the truth of Christianity?
   (1 Peter 3:15).

Good Words To Remember
“ I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me” (John 10:14).
LESSON # 3: EVIDENCE THAT GOD EXISTS

Read  Exodus 19:16-19

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
Since the possibility that God exists is true, and it is reasonable that some of the truth about God can be known, then it is reasonable that there is evidence that God exists.

1) Why can’t God be proven scientifically?
________________________________________________________________________

2) Since God cannot be proven scientifically, what should we look for?
________________________________________________________________________

3) What would be the best evidence that God exists?
________________________________________________________________________ (Exodus 19:16-19).

4) What does the Bible say about how God has made himself known plainly?
________________________________________________________________________ (Romans 1:19-20).

5) What evidence can you find in the universe that God exists?
________________________________________________________________________ (Psalm 19:1-4)

6) What evidence about the earth tells us God exists?
________________________________________________________________________ (Proverbs 8:25-29)

7) What evidence among people tells us God exists?
   •  ____________________________________________________________ (Psalm 46:10)
   •  ____________________________________________________________ (Hosea 14:9)

8) What is perhaps the greatest evidence for God?
________________________________________________________________________ (Psalm 139:12-14).

Clues from nature, history and life all point toward reasonable evidence that God exists. Remember though, while individual clues by themselves may not prove the existence of God - when you begin to put together all of the clues, the evidence becomes overwhelming in favor of the existence of God.

Good Words To Remember
“... since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature - have clearly been seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse” (Romans 1:19-20).
Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) What would be the best way for God to communicate with man?

2) Has God done this? Who & how?

Jesus is the best and clearest answer to how we know that God exists and what He is like. The other indications are merely clues or hints. What confirm them is the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

3) What makes Jesus different from all other major religious leaders?

Jesus is the best and clearest answer to how we know that God exists and what He is like. The other indications are merely clues or hints. What confirm them is the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

4) What are the three claims that Jesus made about himself?

Jesus is the best and clearest answer to how we know that God exists and what He is like. The other indications are merely clues or hints. What confirm them is the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

5) How can we know that Jesus’ claims that He is God are true?

Either Jesus’ claims are false or His claims are true

6) What if Jesus’ claims are false?

Jesus knew his claims were false, which would make him ________________

Jesus didn’t know his claims were false, which would make him ________________

7) What if Jesus’ claims really are true?

It now comes down to a matter of what you will choose. To not make a choice is an option that is not left open to you. To not make any choice is to automatically side with those who reject Him and willingly accept the consequences.

8) Who do you say that Jesus Christ is?

Good Words To Remember

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers though the prophets at many times and in various ways, but on these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...”

(Hebrews 1:1-2).
LESSON # 5: THE RESURRECTION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Jesus made many claims about himself - he said that he would be put to death and then three days later he would be raised to life again. If Jesus said that he would be raised to life again and in fact he wasn’t, then all of his other teachings and who he claimed to be would be in question. His resurrection from the dead is God’s seal of truth that Jesus is who he said he was: The Son of God!

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) If Jesus was not raised from death to life, what does Paul say about our faith?
_____________________________________________________ (1 Corinthians 15:14).

2) If Jesus was not raised to life again, why does Paul say that our faith is useless?
_____________________________________________________ (1 Corinthians 15:17-18).

3) What is the truth about the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
_____________________________________________________ (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Setting The Background For The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

Read 1 John 19:38-42
4) Where was Jesus’ body laid after he was crucified?
______________________________________________________________________

Read Matthew 27:62-66
5) What did the Jewish religious leaders do to make the tomb secure?
______________________________________________________________________

Read Matthew 28: 1-7 & John 20:2-7
6) What did Mary see on Sunday at the tomb? What did Peter & John see?
______________________________________________________________________

For many people, the Bible’s account of Jesus’ resurrection is proof enough that He really was raised, and Jesus is who He says he is! But many people either do not believe what the Bible says, or don’t want to believe what the Bible says. In fact, some people have come up with other explanations as to why the tomb was empty. We’ll see what they have to say, and why they’re wrong in our next lesson!

Good Words To Remember
“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead...” (1 Corinthians 15:20).
LESSON # 6: EXPLAINING THE RESURRECTION

Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

There have been several theories introduced by individuals to try to explain why the tomb was empty on that first Easter morning. Let’s see what they have to say and why they’re wrong:

The Wrong Tomb: Read John 20:1-3
This theory assumes that Mary went to the wrong tomb. If Mary went to the wrong tomb, then John & Peter must have also gone to the wrong tomb, and the Roman guard must have been at the wrong tomb. Also, the Jewish religious leaders would have wasted no time in going to the right tomb.

The Swoon Theory: Read John 19:31-35
This theory says that Jesus didn’t really die, but only fainted from exhaustion and loss of blood. He later revived and left the tomb. But everyone at the crucifixion site was sure that Jesus was dead. One of the soldiers even went over and pierced him to see if he really was dead. They would not have taken Him off the cross if he were still alive.

The Disciples Stole The Body: Read John 20:19
This theory says that somehow the disciples went to the tomb and stole the body. However, 3 days after Jesus’ death, the disciples were still locked in a room, huddled together and cowering with fear over what might happen to them. And what about the Roman guards? They were there. Could these fearful disciples take on a group of trained fighting soldiers and steal the body? Finally, the grave clothes were still there.

The Roman or Jewish Authorities Removed The Body: Read Matthew 28:11-15
If this is so, then why didn’t the authorities just produce Jesus’ dead body? This would have squashed Christianity in the cradle before it had a chance to begin.

Evidence For The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
- The Grave cloths were left undisturbed lying in the tomb
- There were 10 separate appearances of Jesus to many different witnesses.
- If it was not the resurrection, then what transformed Jesus’ disciples from men who cowered in fear behind locked doors, into men who boldly proclaimed the message that Jesus is the risen Christ?

Good Words To Remember
“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).
LESSON # 7: REVIEW OF LESSONS 1-6

1) Anything opposed to the truth is false. If the Christian view of God is true, then all opposing views of God are false. What then, can Christians be certain of?

2) What evidence exists that suggests there is a God?

3) What is the best evidence or clue that God exists?

4) What makes Christianity different from all other religions? Christianity is not a religion. Religions are an attempt by man to please God and earn his way to heaven. Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

5) Jesus claimed to be God. Either His claims are:
   1) _______________________________________________________________________
   2) _______________________________________________________________________

6) If Jesus claims are false, He was:
   • _______________________________________________________________________
   • _______________________________________________________________________

7) If Jesus claim is true then: _______________________________________________________________________

8) Why is the resurrection so important?

9) How do we know that Jesus Christ was resurrected?

10) What’s wrong with these theories that say Jesus was not resurrected?
   • Mary went to the wrong tomb: _______________________________________________________________________
   • Jesus did not really die on the cross: _______________________________________________________________________
   • The disciples stole Jesus’ body: _______________________________________________________________________
   • The Roman & Jewish authorities had the body: _______________________________________________________________________

11) What evidence is there for the resurrection of Jesus? The grave clothes were left undisturbed inside the tomb, Jesus was seen, The disciples were transformed.

Good Words To Remember
“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” (1 Peter 3:15).
LESSON # 8: IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS TRUE?

1) The Bible makes some startling claims:
   • ______________________________________________  (2 Timothy 3:16).
   • _____________________________________________  (Proverbs 30:5).
   • _____________________________________________  (Psalm 119:160).

2) The Bible also claims that in it you can find:
   • ______________________________________________  (Romans 3:23)
   • ______________________________________________  (John 3:16)
   • ______________________________________________  (Romans 10:9)
   • ______________________________________________  (Romans 12:1-2)

Startling claims - Yes! But if the Bible’s claims are true, then we know that God exists, that Jesus is God’s own Eternal Son, and you have the truth about the meaning and purpose for your life.

3) Although the Bible was written by 40 different men over a period of 1500 years, the Bible has one central message: God’s desire and plan to save men from their sins. How could this have been accomplished?
   ______________________________________________  (2 Peter 1:21).

4) How does archeology help confirm that what the Bible says is true?
   • Confirms accounts in the Bible
   • Provides background information on individuals or places named in Bible accounts

5) What are some scientific truths that were recorded as facts in the Bible hundreds or thousands of years before science proved them?
   • _____________________________________________  (Isaiah 40:22)
   • _____________________________________________  (Ecclesiastes 1:6)
   • _____________________________________________  (Job 26:7)

6) How does personal experience help confirm the validity of the Bible?
   • _____________________________________________  (Psalm 119:160).
   • _____________________________________________  (Proverbs 8:32-33).
   • _____________________________________________  (Psalm 121:1-2).

Good Words To Remember
“All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal” (Psalm 119:160).
LESSON # 9: IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS TRUE?

1) What are two ways we can know that Jesus is God’s Son - the Messiah?
   2. Elimination of possibilities through Jesus’ family tree (Matthew 1:1-16)

2) Match the prophecy with its fulfillment:
   The Coming Messiah: (Malachi 3:1) ______
   How The Messiah Will Be Recognized: (Isaiah 61:1) ______
   The Messiah’s Birth: (Isaiah 7:14 & Micah 5:2) ______
   The Messiah’s Trial: (Isaiah 53:7) ______
   The Manner Of The Messiah’s Death: (Isaiah 53:5) ______
   The Messiah’s Resurrection: (Isaiah 53:11) ______


3) How many major prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the Messiah did Jesus fulfill in the New Testament? (a) 8 (b) 19 (c) 60

4) Match Jesus’ Family Tree:
   1) Which of Noah’s 3 sons did Jesus descend from? ______
   2) Which son of Isaac did Jesus descend from? ______
   3) Which son of Jacob did Jesus descend from? ______
   4) Which king of Israel, did Jesus descend from? ______
   5) Who did both Mary & Joseph descend from? ______

   a) David, eliminating descendants of all other people the Messiah could descend from
   b) Shem, eliminating 2/3rds of all people the Messiah could descend from
   c) David, thereby giving Jesus rightful heir to the royal throne
   d) Judah, eliminating 11/12ths of the remaining possibilities
   e) Jacob, eliminating 1/2 of the remaining possibilities

   By the laws of probability, anyone but Jesus being the Messiah is ruled out.

Good Words To Remember
“\textit{But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities [wrongs]; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed}” (Isaiah 53:5).
LESSON # 10: IS WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS TRUE?

Are the Scriptures the same today as when originally written?

- Before the printing press, the original Scriptures were carefully reproduced by hand.
- The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and later translated into Latin and Greek. The Hebrew, Latin & Greek translations are in remarkable agreement.
- The earliest known complete copy of the Old Testament is dated around 900 AD. We know that documents dated earlier than 900 AD were preserved correctly from the Dead Sea Scrolls. When the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, copies of the same Scriptures 1,000 years apart could now be compared. What little differences were found did not change the meaning of the Scriptures.
- The Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) is dated around 200 BC. When the Septuagint is compared with the Dead Sea Scrolls, the comparison shows that the copies are similar.
- It is evident that the Old Testament Scriptures have been preserved very carefully since 200 BC, and that what we have now is what was originally written.
- Today over 4,000 copies of New Testament manuscripts are in existence. These manuscripts are copied on different writing materials that enable Scripture copied in different periods of time to be compared.
- By comparing the Scriptures copied onto these different materials, there is found little to no difference in the wording, and the meaning of the wording is not changed by the differences found.

Proofs that what was actually written in the New Testament were recorded correctly:

- First, we must believe that what was written down is correct unless the author makes contradictions or inaccurate statements.
- Men who had been eyewitnesses or who related accounts of what eyewitnesses said recorded the New Testament.
- The New Testament accounts of Jesus were being circulated within the lifetimes of those who were alive at that time of His life. These people could confirm or deny the accuracy of what was written.

Proofs outside the Bible documents that confirm what is recorded in the Bible is true:

- Archeology has confirmed countless passages
- Works written during the same period when the Gospel accounts were written agree with what is contained in the Scriptures.

Good Words To Remember

“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty” (2 Peter 1:16).
LESSON # 11: A REVIEW OF LESSONS 8 - 10

1) What claims does the Bible make?
   - __________________________________________________________ (2 Timothy 3:16).
   - __________________________________________________________ (Proverbs 30:5).
   - __________________________________________________________ (Psalm 119:160).
   - __________________________________________________________ (Romans 3:23)
   - __________________________________________________________ (John 3:16)
   - __________________________________________________________ (Romans 10:9)
   - __________________________________________________________ (Romans 12:1-2).

2) What evidence exists that confirms that what the Bible says is true?
   - The way that the Bible is constructed
   - Archeological findings
   - Accuracy of scientific information contained in the Bible
   - Personal testimony
   - Fulfilled prophecy

3) What are two ways we can know that Jesus is God’s Son - the Messiah?
   - Fulfilled prophecy
   - Elimination of possibilities through Jesus’ family tree

4) How do we know the Scriptures are the same today as when originally written?
   - Careful copying
   - The Latin & Greek translations from the original Hebrew are in agreement.
   - Copies of Scripture thousands of years apart are in remarkable agreement

5) How do we know that what was actually written in the New Testament was recorded correctly?
   - Eyewitness accounts or related accounts of what eyewitnesses said.
   - The New Testament accounts of Jesus were being circulated within the lifetimes of those who were alive at that time of his life. These people alive at the time the Scriptures were written could confirm or deny the accuracy of what was written.

6) Is there any proof outside of the Scriptures that what is recorded in the Bible documents is accurate?
   - Confirmation from archaeology
   - Other writings not found in the Bible agree with what is contained in the New Testament Scriptures.

Good Words To Remember
“All Scripture is inspired by God…” (2 Timothy 3:16).
LESSON #12: IS JESUS CHRIST THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

1) What do Christians believe about Jesus Christ?
________________________________________________________ (Acts 4:12).

2) Why do Christians believe this?
________________________________________________________ (John 14:6).

3) What about members of other religions that claim their faith has the correct answers of who God is and what He is like?
If Jesus Christ is who He claims to be, then He is the only way to God.

4) What does it mean when Jesus says, “I am the way?”
________________________________________________________ (John 14:1-7).

5) How can Jesus make the claim, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life?”
________________________________________________________ (Romans 3:23-25).

6) It sounds so harsh to say that what someone believes about God is wrong. Aren’t Christianity and other religions really just about the same?
No. There are similarities but the differences are much greater than the similarities.

7) What is the main difference between Christianity and other religions?
________________________________________________________ (John 14:15-18).

8) Why does Christianity alone offer assurance of salvation?
________________________________________________________ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

9) So are Christians better than people who are not Christians?
________________________________________________________ (Ephesians 2:4-5).

10) How is Jesus different from other major religious leaders?
________________________________________________________ (Matthew 16:15-17).

Good Words To Remember
“Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.” If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him” (John 14:6-7).
LESSON # 13: WHAT BIBLICAL CHRISTIANS BELIEVE

1) Why is Jesus called Savior?
_____________________________________________________________ (Acts 4:12).

2) Why is Jesus called Christ (Anointed One)?
_____________________________________________________________ (Matthew 16:15-16).

3) Why is Jesus called our High Priest?
_____________________________________________________________ (Hebrews 7:23-27).

4) Why is Jesus called King?
_____________________________________________________________ (Revelation 19:11-16).

5) Why is Jesus called Lord?
_____________________________________________________________ (Revelation 5:9-10).

6) What do Biblical Christians believe about the Trinity?
_____________________________________________________________ (Matthew 28:19).

7) What do Biblical Christians believe about man’s spirit?
_____________________________________________________________ (Daniel 12:2).

8) What do Biblical Christians believe about sin?
   • ______________________________________________________ (Psalm 51:5)
   • ______________________________________________________ (Isaiah 53:6).

9) What do Biblical Christians believe about salvation?
   • ______________________________________________________ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
   • ______________________________________________________ (John 3:16).
   • ______________________________________________________ (John 10:27-30).

10) What do Biblical Christians believe about receiving salvation?
    • ______________________________________________________ (1 John 1:8-9).
    • ______________________________________________________ (Romans 10:9).

Good Words To Remember
“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” (John 3:16).
LESSON # 14: JUDAISM & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **According to the Old Testament Scriptures, who is the Messiah?** The Messiah would redeem God’s people from their sins (Isaiah 53).
- **What does Judaism today believe about the Messiah?** The Jewish idea of the Messiah will be a man sent by God to restore Israel to glory & bring lasting peace.

- **What does Judaism believe about Jesus Christ?** Some Jews accept Jesus as a great prophet and find good things in his teachings. Jesus did not bring about their idea of the messianic age and so he is not the Messiah. As a result, many Jewish people still await the Messiah’s coming.
- **Biblical Christians believe:** Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ, the Messiah predicted in Isaiah chapters 49-53. He is God as well as man. He was sinless and died to redeem all men from sin.

- **What does Judaism believe about the Trinity?** Jews do not believe in the Trinity. There is only one God: Yahweh (Deuteronomy 6:4).

- **What does Judaism believe about man’s sinfulness?** Sin is an act and not a state.
- **Biblical Christians believe:** (Psalm 51:5).

- **What does Judaism believe about salvation?** Man does not need redemption. Anyone, Jewish or not may gain salvation through the commitment to the One God and moral living. Man has the ability to live by the Law (the Torah). If he fails, he only needs to come to God in repentance.
- **Biblical Christians believe:** (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**What is the authority or sacred book of Judaism?** The OT, especially the first 5 books (The Law given to Moses by God) & other sacred writings.

**Biblical Christians’ authority:**

Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a person of the Jewish faith

- Emphasize Christ’s sacrificial death and the fact of His resurrection.
- Emphasize Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Jesus providing evidence that He is the Messiah.

**Good Words To Remember**

“For there really is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13).
LESSON # 15: ISLAM & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

• **What does Islam believe about God?** There is only one true God - his name is Allah and Mohammed is his prophet

  **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________ (Hebrews 1:1-2)

• **What does Islam believe about Jesus Christ?** Islam denies Jesus is the Son of God, and denies Jesus’ resurrection.

  **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________ (John 1:29).

• **What does Islam believe about the Trinity?** There is no god but Allah. It is an unpardonable sin to associate a “partner” with God.

  **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________ (Matt 3:16-17).

• **What does Islam believe about sin?** Islam teaches that a person is born free of sin. Sin is a person’s failure to do the religious duties as outlined in the five pillars.

  **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________ (Ephesians 2:1).

• **What does Islam believe about salvation?** Islam requires that a person earn his or her salvation by performing the duties of the 5 pillars of faith: Statement of belief, prayers, alms, a month of fasting (Ramadan), and pilgrimage to Mecca.

  **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________ (Matthew 11:28-30).

• **What is the authority or sacred book of Islam?** The Qur’an, The Torah (first 5 books of Moses, Psalms of David, the Gospel of Jesus (changed from the Bible).

  **Biblical Christians’ authority:**

Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a Muslim:

• Contrast what the God of the Bible has done with what the god of Islam has not done about the problem of sin. Islam makes no provision for sin. And Allah has done nothing for man that cost him anything, unlike the God of the Bible.

• Point out that a Muslim has no personal relationship with God.

• Explain the error of earning salvation by living according to the 5 pillars. When do you know if you’ve done enough or done well enough?

**Good Words To Remember:** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon me and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).
LESSON # 16: HINDUISM & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **What does Hinduism believe about God?** In philosophical Hinduism, god is an “It.” In popular Hinduism, there are many gods. Ultimately, man is god.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** *God is a Person (John 14:1-7).*

- **What does Hinduism believe about Jesus Christ?** Jesus is just one of many incarnations of God. Jesus is not the Only Son of God.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:**

- **What does Hinduism believe about the Trinity?** A trinity of gods represents the impersonal supreme God. Many Hindus worship one or all three of these gods.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:**

- **What does Hinduism believe about man’s soul?** The soul continues on a cycle of births and rebirths until it can break free and be joined to the infinite.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:**

- **What does Hinduism believe about sin?** Since each man ultimately is God, there is no sin to separate him from God.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:**

- **What does Hinduism believe about salvation?** Salvation comes through correct works, knowledge, worshipping one or many gods.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:**

- **What is the authority or sacred book of Hinduism?** The Upanishads.
  - **Biblical Christian’s authority:**

**Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a Hindu**

- Hinduism teaches that God has been incarnate many times to teach men truths. The Bible says that God became incarnate only once in the person of Jesus Christ, not just to teach, but also to assure us of salvation by what He has done for us.
- Stress the unique claims of Jesus. Through Jesus Christ we have eternal life, not just a series of unproved reincarnations.

**Good Words To Remember**

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of the world rather than on Christ” (Colossians 2:8-10).
LESSON # 17: MORMONS & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **What does a Mormon believe about God?** God has not always been the Supreme Being; Adam is God the Father.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** ________________________________ (Genesis 1:1).  
  ________________________________ (John 4:24).

- **What does a Mormon believe about Jesus Christ?** After receiving a physical body Jesus, referred to as “elder brother” was elevated to deity and is one of many gods.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** __________________________________________________ (Colossians 1:15).

- **What does a Mormon believe about the Trinity?** God the Father is above the other gods in the universe. The Holy Spirit is an impersonal “fluid”.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** __________________________________________________ (John 15:26).

- **What does a Mormon believe about man’s soul?** Physical birth gives bodies to spirit beings and an opportunity to choose right or wrong. All men go to a heaven.
  - **Biblical Christianity believes:** __________________________________________________ (Psalm 139:13).

- **What does a Mormon believe about sin?** There is no inherited sin nature.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** __________________________________________________ (Romans 5:12).

- **What does a Mormon believe about salvation:** Received only on faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism, and keeping the commandments.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** __________________________________________________ (Ephesians 2:8-9).

- **What is the authority or sacred book of Mormonism?** The Bible if translated according to Mormon doctrine, The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants.
  - **Biblical Christian’s authority:** ________________________________ (Deut 4:2).

Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a Mormon
- Emphasize that certainty of salvation is available for those who base salvation on Christ’s finished work on their behalf.
- Challenge them to honestly compare the teachings of the Bible with Mormonism.

**Good Words To Remember**
“*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*” (John 1:1).
LESSON # 18: JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **What do JWs believe about God?** Jehovah (meaning “Lord”) is the only Divine Being, Creator, Sustainer, Savior.
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** ____________________________ (John 1:1).

- **What do JWs believe about Jesus Christ?** Jesus Christ was the first creation of Jehovah and Jehovah used Christ to create everything else. Jesus is “a god.”
  - **Biblical Christians believe:** ____________________________ (Jeremiah 32:18).

- **What do JWs believe about the Trinity?** The Holy Spirit is not God because there is only Jehovah God; they deny that Jesus Christ is God.
  - **Biblical Christians believe** ____________________________ (John 15:26).

- **What do JWs believe about man’s soul?** Man does not possess an eternal soul and the soul is not separate from the body. Hell is contrary to God’s love.
  - **Biblical Christians believe** ____________________________ (Matthew 25:46).

- **What do JWs believe about sin?** Jesus’ death on the cross only removed the effect of Adam’s sin and put man in a position to work out his own salvation.
  - **Biblical Christians believe** ____________________________ (Romans 5:18).

- **What do JWs believe about salvation?** Those who do not measure up to Jehovah’s standards will be annihilated; their soul will cease to exist. The only way to escape that fate is by accepting and preaching the doctrines of the JWs.
  - **Biblical Christians believe** ____________________________ (John 5:24).

- **What is the sacred book or authority of JWs?** The New World Translation is the only correct translation of the Bible.
  - **Biblical Christian’s authority:** ____________________________ (Deut 4:2).

**Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a Jehovah’s Witness**
- Use their teaching to reach them. Let the Holy Spirit (who is God) open their eyes to the truth. You are God’s instrument. Plant the seed and let God work.
- Show them that Jesus Christ is Jehovah God.

**Good Words To Remember**
“I am telling you the truth: those who hear my words and believe in him who sent me have eternal life…” (John 5:24).
LESSON # 19: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **What does a CS believe about God?** God is Mind, Principle, Life, Intelligence.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (Psalm 145:13).

- **What does a CS believe about Jesus Christ?** Jesus (the man) is a great teacher, but is not God. Christ (the divine idea) is perfect but impersonal.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (Philippians 2:6-7).

- **What does a CS believe about the Trinity?** The Trinity is Life, Truth, and Love. The Holy Spirit is Christian Science itself.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (John 15:26).

- **What does a CS believe about man’s soul?** Man exists as part of God, since God is all. Therefore, since God is eternal, man is eternal. Since God is good, and all is God, then man, who is part of God, is good.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (Matthew 25:46).

- **What does a CS believe about sin?** Sin, disease and death are illusions.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (Romans 5:12).

- **What does a CS believe about salvation?** Man is incapable of sin, and therefore not in need of a savior. Salvation consists of deliverance from incorrect thinking.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  ___________________________________________________________________________ (1 Peter 2:24).

- **What is the sacred book or authority of CS?** Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, The Bible - useful only when interpreted by Science and Health.
- **Biblical Christian’s authority:**

**Suggestions for presenting Biblical Christianity to a Christian Scientist**

- Provide evidence that Jesus Christ is God and that He died to save us from sin which is very real.
- Christian Scientists are gambling their eternal destiny on the hope that Mary Baker Eddy is right and that Jesus Christ is wrong.

**Good Words To Remember**

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (2 Corinthians 4:4).
LESSON # 20: WORLD RELIGION & CULT QUIZ

1) What is the main difference between Christianity and other religions?
________________________________________________________________________

2) According to Judaism, how does one gain salvation?
________________________________________________________________________

3) According to the teachings of Islam, how does a Muslim reach salvation?
________________________________________________________________________

4) What does Hinduism teach about man? **Ultimately, man is God.**

5) These followers have no personal relationship with God:
________________________________________________________________________

6) Followers of these religions would say god is unknowable:
________________________________________________________________________

7) Followers of this deceptive Christian faith (dcf) believe that Jesus is a created being:
________________________________________________________________________

8) Followers of these religions and dcf’s reject the Biblical Christian Trinity:
________________________________________________________________________

9) Followers of this religion say that man’s soul is on a cycle of endless births and rebirths known as reincarnation:
________________________________________________________________________

10) These religions and dcf’s say that the Bible is incorrect when it differs with their sacred book:
________________________________________________________________________

11) Followers of these religions and dcf’s tell you that you must earn your salvation:
________________________________________________________________________

12) Which faiths, do not give its followers any assurance of salvation even if they follow all their rules and work hard?
________________________________________________________________________

13) Which religion says that all religions are a path to God?
________________________________________________________________________

14) Which religions or dcf’s reject Jesus Christ as God?
________________________________________________________________________

15) Why is it impossible in “works” religions to have assurance of salvation?
________________________________________________________________________

16) Why does Christianity alone offer assurance of salvation?
________________________________________________________________________
LESSON # 21: NEW AGE & BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

- **What does the New Age believe about God?** The universe and all contained in it are one. There is no absolute personal God. Each person is working towards godhood.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  
  (Genesis 1:1).

- **What does the New Age believe about Jesus Christ?** Jesus Christ is a model: an ideal example of a person.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  
  (1 Corinthians 15:4).

- **What does the New Age believe about sin?** Sin is an evil concept that reduces our self-esteem.
- **Biblical Christians believe:** *Sin is more than a concept. It’s real* (1 John 1:8-9).

- **What does the New Age believe about salvation?** The way to “Christhood” is by building good karma through many reincarnations.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  
  (1 John 5:11-12).

- **What does the New Age believe about life?** Life has its own creative energy that is moving it toward a higher and higher order. Society is participating in a grand program of evolution to greater things: a new age.
- **Biblical Christians believe:**
  
  (Genesis 3:17-19).
  
  (Romans 1:18-32).

**Presenting The Truth Of Biblical Christianity To A New Age Follower**

- Our world was created by rational, just, & holy God Who has a plan and a purpose for this world that is revealed in the Bible (Genesis 1).
- Without Genesis Chapter 1 we would live in a meaningless universe with no order. Societies that have embraced the fundamental beliefs of the New Age, like India, are in a state of disorder and collapse.
- God is the infinite and all knowing Creator. God not only has a plan for this world but also for you personally.

**Good Words To Remember**

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:11-12).
LESSON # 22: CREATION VS EVOLUTION

1) What does the Bible say about the beginnings of life on earth?
_________________________________________________________ (Genesis 1:1-31).

2) What does the Theory of Evolution say about the beginnings of life on earth?
Life evolved from inanimate materials and progressed to more complex forms of life.

3) Some say that the Bible is right only in some areas but wrong in others. If the Bible is only right in some areas, what is dangerous in thinking this way?
   • If the Bible is only sometimes right, who is to judge what is right in any area?
   • How can we know anything for certain about God or Christianity or Jesus?

Why is the Theory of Evolution so dangerous
   • Evolution denies the existence of God or reduces Him to be someone less than who He is. The theory of evolution sows seeds of doubt about the truth of God’s Word.
   • Evolution misrepresents God’s nature because death and decay are attributed to the Creator as principles of His creation.
   • Evolution reduces God: The only space allotted to God is that part of nature which evolution cannot explain. God is reduced to filling gaps, which leads to the view that God is not limited.

4) What happens when God is taken out of the picture?
_________________________________________________________ (Romans 1:21-22)

5) How does evolution deny the teachings of the Bible?
_________________________________________________________ (Exodus 20:11).

6) How does evolution misrepresent reality?
_________________________________________________________ (Psalm 119:160)

For the Christian the main challenge of evolution vs. creation is whether you accept man’s opinion over the authority and truth of God’s Word.

Good Words To Remember
“I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?” (John 3:12).
LESSON # 23: THE BIBLE & SCIENCE

In a nutshell, science theoretically explains things in nature that occur. For an event of property to be proved scientifically, it must be:

1) observable
2) repeatable
3) measurable

The reason science have a hard time explaining some things in the Scriptures, is that the supernatural is not repeatable or measurable.

1) What two ways has God communicated with us?
   - ____________________________ (Romans 1:19)
   - ____________________________ (John 1:14)

2) How can we conclude that science and the Scriptures do not contradict each other?

   ________________________________ (1 Corinthians 14:33).

How can we be sure that the Bible is correct when we are faced with an apparent conflict with a very reasonable deduction from observation? We give reasonable observation too much credit and not enough to the Creator’s testimony.

Here are some things to remember when faced with an apparent conflict between the Scriptures and scientific observation:

- God is a God of infinite power and is not dependent on the physical laws which we observe, since He instituted them Himself
- The history of science shows that what is certain in one generation may be totally disproved in the next

3) What are some recorded facts of nature in the Bible that science “proved” correct?
   - ___________________________________________ (Isaiah 40:22)
   - ___________________________________________ (Ecclesiastes 1:6)
   - ___________________________________________ (Job 26:7)

Where it seems that the Bible is wrong in an area because of what we are told is “scientific proof,” when new evidence comes along, the Bible turns out to be correct after all. Therefore, no one can simply dismiss certain parts of the Bible because at that point science and the Bible seem to contradict each other.

Good Words To Remember

“For God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33).
LESSON # 24: A FLOOD OF EVIDENCE

1) Where did the water that flooded the earth come from?
   • ___________________________________________ (Genesis 7:11).
   • ___________________________________________ (Genesis 7:11).

2) What were these floodgates that the Bible mentions?
   ___________________________________________ (Genesis 1:6-8).

On the second day of creation (Genesis 1:6-8) God divided the waters that were on the earth from the waters that He placed above the earth by laying a firmament, or atmosphere, in between those waters. This means that there were waters above the atmosphere that are not here today: a water vapor canopy.

The following is scientific evidence that this water vapor canopy existed:
   • Coal seams in Antarctica containing vegetation which once grew under warmer conditions
   • Major wind movements did not take place before the flood due to temperate climate
   • Great life spans among patriarchs (Genesis 5) due to filtering of harmful rays
   • Life spans decreased after collapse of canopy due to decreased protection

3) What evidence is there that the flood occurred?
   • ___________________________________________ (Job 38:8-11).
   • ___________________________________________ (Psalm 104:6-9)
   • Nearly 70% of the earth’s surface is still covered by water
   • Continents bearing mountain chains were raised
   • Ocean basins were filled
   • Landscape features existing today due to rapidly draining water, i.e.: Grand Canyon

Both Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) words used to describe the flood are different than the ordinary words used for flood. They describe a cataclysm.

The Bible specifically teaches that the Flood of Noah's time covered the entire globe and that all air-breathing land animals and all humans died, except those saved in the Ark. Could the Bible be any clearer concerning the global nature of the Flood? Or, if this really was a local flood, could the Bible have been any more misleading about its extent?

Good Words To Remember
“…on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And the rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights” (Genesis 7:11-12).
LESSON # 25: YOUR UNCLE WAS NOT A MONKEY

1) If we are not just highly evolved apes, as scientific “facts” say we are, what kind of evidence can we provide that says we are not? Similarity is not an absolute indication of a common ancestor (what evolution says) but rather points to a common designer (what creation says).

2) What would you tend to think if people were entirely different from all other living things, or if every living thing was entirely different from each other?

________________________________________________________________________

3) What is one reason that certain biochemical functions are common among all living things including humans? Biochemical similarity is necessary for us so that we can use the food we eat to live!

4) Of all animals, chimps are most like humans. What would you expect about the DNA of chimps and the DNA of humans?

________________________________________________________________________

5) Does the fact that humans and chimps have 96% similarity in their DNA prove that humans “evolved” from a common ancestor with chimps? No. The amount of information contained in the DNA in each human cell is estimated to be the equivalent of the amount of information contained in 1,000 books of encyclopedia size. Even with 96% similarity in the DNA, it still leaves a difference of 4%, which amounts to the equivalent of 12,000,000 words or 40 books of encyclopedia size. This is an impossibly big barrier for random changes to cross. Human beings could not have “evolved” from a common ancestor with chimps.

6) How can a comparison of the two sentences below explain why the similarity of chimp DNA and human DNA doesn’t prove that humans evolved from chimps?

- There are many people who enjoy going to Bible study and learning about God’s Word.
- There are not many people who enjoy going to Bible study and learning about God’s Word.

These sentences are 97% similar in structure but have almost opposite meanings. In the same way, DNA can be similar in structure, but be quite different in function.

Good Words To Remember
“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).
THANKSGIVING
A TIME FOR THANKS & FOR GIVING

Read  Psalm 105:1-2

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) Where does everything you have come from?
____________________________________________________________ (Psalm 24:1).

2) What has God given to us?
• __________________________________________________________ (John 3:16)
• __________________________________________________________ (John 10:10)
• _________________________________________________________ (1 Corinthians 2:9).

3) How can you be thankful even in difficult circumstances?
__________________________________________________________ (Genesis 50:20).

We have lots to be thankful for. But the second part of ThanksGIVING is the giving. The Bible says, “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion [because you have to], for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

Since Thanksgiving opens up the “Holiday Season,” it’s a time when we naturally look for ways to give (Question 4 is an extension of Exploring The Bible Lesson 15).

4) How can you practice using your abilities, your time, and your money to give?

A brand new way I can use my abilities to help others
• In my community is: __________________________________________
• Outside my community is: ____________________________________

A brand new way I can use my time
• In the community is: _________________________________________
• Outside my community is: ____________________________________

A brand new way I can use my money
• In the community is: _________________________________________
• Outside the community is: ____________________________________

Good Words To Remember
“Make known among the nations what [the Lord] has done” (Psalm 105:2).
CHRISTMAS

Read Luke 2:1-7

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) When did Christmas begin?
_______________________________________________________________ (Genesis 1:26).

2) God had a test for Adam & Eve. What was God’s test?
_____________________________________________________________ (Genesis 2:15-17).

3) What happened because of Adam’s disobedience?
_____________________________________________________________ (Romans 5:12).

4) What has God done about this?
_____________________________________________________________ (John3:16).

Jesus called God “daddy. Jesus reminds us that what God wants is a real personal relationship with you, much like a loving father wants with his son or daughter.

When we sin, we commit an offense against God. Because we’re human, only a person can pay the penalty. But the offense is infinite because the offense is against an infinite God, and only God Himself could pay the penalty. That’s why God sent His Son Jesus to do just that. Jesus, 100% human, lived a sinless, perfect life. Jesus, 100% God, has the capacity to take the sins of all and remove them from us.

When Jesus died, he took upon himself all the wrongs that you and I have done or ever will do. These wrongs have kept you separated from God. But the moment you decide to ask Him into your life, you are no longer separated from God. Jesus is the “Way” back to God that was promised to you long, long ago.

There is so much more to the story. But perhaps now, during this Christmas season, especially as gifts are exchanged, you will remember the greatest gift ever given - one given by God to all of us - Jesus Christ. He is the reason we celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas from Practice Ministries!!

Good Words To Remember
“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God” (1 Corinthians 5:21).
EASTER

Read  John 3:16

Background
On the night of the Last Supper, after Jesus broke bread and gave it to his disciples, and took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Opportunities to Explore the Bible
1) What did Jesus ask God to do three times in the Garden of Gethsemane?
   __________________________ __________________________ (Matthew 26:39).

2) After Jesus was arrested, what did the Roman soldiers do to Jesus in the palace?
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • __________________________________________________ (Matthew 27:27-31).

3) As Jesus was being crucified, what types of things did people say to him?
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • ______________________________________________________________________
   • __________________________________________________ (Matthew 27:38-44.)

4) What was Jesus’ response?

Traditionally, the daily sacrifice at the temple in Jerusalem happened at 3:00 in the afternoon, including the day of the Passover. At that time, the priest stood at the highest point of the temple and blew the shofar, or ram’s horn as a signal that they were ready to sacrifice the lamb. As Jesus hung on the cross, He heard the piercing blast of the shofar carry across the city. Jesus recognized that the time of His sacrifice had come. As the priest killed the Passover lamb, Jesus looked up into heaven and said, “It is finished!” (John 19:30). At that moment, the Passover lamb and God’s substitute - Jesus - our Passover Lamb - died at 3:00 p.m.

“It is finished!” And it is finished. There is nothing that you can add to God’s salvation. It’s God’s gift to you. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away your sins and the sins of the world. Have you asked God’s Son to forgive you for your wrong actions and attitudes? Have you accepted Jesus into your life as your Savior?

Good Words To Remember
“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2Chronicles 7:14).

Write a prayer for the people of our country. There are 5 groups listed below to help you:

1. **Government**: For God to help them make good decisions and stand by them
   Federal, state, local leaders, military services
2. **Churches & Ministry Organizations**: For truth to be upheld
   Your pastors, congregation, denomination, organizations that help your family
3. **Businesses & Industries**: To reflect Godly influences, and value truth & decency
   Entertainment, media, industries (pick one or two)
4. **Families**: To live by Biblical truth
   Parents, kids, extended families, broken families, neighbors, friends
5. **Ourselves**: For renewal, moral strength

Good Words To Remember

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” (1 John 5:14).
STORY TIME

The thought of “telling your story” – how Jesus Christ came into your life, can be a little uncomfortable. Perhaps you’re afraid of failing or that you won’t know what to say. But if Jesus Christ is in your life, you do have a story to tell, and learning how to tell your story may be just what it takes to bring the good news of Jesus Christ into someone’s life.

So, here we go…if you’ve never thought much of how to tell someone your story, here are some ideas and suggestions for putting your story together.

Conversion
If you remember a specific time, place or event when you accepted Jesus Christ into your life, then perhaps “conversion” fits best. If conversion fits best, try shaping your story around these questions:

• What was your life like before you invited Jesus into your life?
• What led (events, conversation, etc.) you to accept Jesus as your Savior?
• How and when did you receive Christ as Savior? As Lord?
• How has Jesus changed your life?

Journey
If your faith seems more like a journey, then perhaps “Spiritual Journey” fits best. Try these questions:

• What have been some key events in which God has worked in your life?
• What experiences, circumstances or people helped develop your faith in Christ?
• How would your life be different without Jesus? (i.e.: lifestyle, attitudes, priorities, relationships, etc.).

Sharing The Gospel Through Your Story
Try fitting these questions in your story:

• How do you understand God’s purpose in creation? (Ephesians 1:5)
• How do you understand your purpose in life? (Matthew 22:27-29)
• How have you experienced sin in your life? (John 14:15)
• What are (were) the consequences of that sin? (Isaiah 59:2).
• How did you put your faith in Jesus Christ (the solution)? (Ephesians 2:8-9)
• How have you been reconciled to God (what were the results)? (Romans 5:11).
• What role has the church or others played for you? (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Putting Your Story Together

• What elements of your story might be interesting to someone else?
• What Bible verses might you include under each of the previous questions?
• What experiences in your life can form illustrations to help you tell your story?
• Write your story as if you were telling someone else
• Keep it between 3-5 minutes

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In the spaces below, write out your testimony – your story - of how you invited Jesus Christ into your life as your Savior and Lord!

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Good Words To Remember
“One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!” (John 9:25).