

Exploring Christianity

Discussion Questions

Feel free to add, remove, or tweak these questions to suit your own needs.

Chapter 1:

The Universe: More than Random Chance

1. Do you think the universe looks more like an accident or a masterpiece of design? Why?
2. When you look at the world around you, do you ever feel a sense of wonder or purpose? Why do you think we respond this way?
3. Why do you think some people reject the idea of a God who created the universe?
4. If the universe was designed by an all-wise, all-powerful God, what do you think that means for your own life?

Chapter 2:

God: More than a Distant Deity

1. Do you think of God as someone who is close and personal, or far away and unreachable? Why?
2. What do you think it means for God to be "perfectly holy"? How does this compare to the way people generally live their lives?
3. God's justice requires sin to be punished, but His mercy provides a way for forgiveness. Does the idea of both justice and mercy together make sense to you? Why or why not?
4. Do you think it's possible to have a relationship with God? Why or why not?

Chapter 3:

The Bible: More than a Dusty Old Book

1. Have you read much of the Bible in the past? If so, what have you made of what you've read? If not, what has put you off?

2. The Bible addresses questions like: "Where did we come from?" "Why are we here?" and "Where are we going?" Do you think these are important questions? Where do you currently look for answers to them?

3. The Bible's accuracy, fulfilled prophecies, and lasting impact point to its divine inspiration. Do you think these things make it worth considering as a source of truth? Why or why not?

4. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Do you think people today still need guidance for life? How do you currently decide what is right or wrong?

Chapter 4:

Humanity: More than Flesh and Blood

1. Many people define their worth by achievements, possessions, or status. What do you think gives a person real value?

2. The Bible teaches that we were created to experience love, joy, meaning, and purpose in a relationship with God. Do you think life has a bigger purpose beyond just survival and success? Why or why not?

3. Isaiah 59:2 says that sin separates us from God. Do you think people naturally live in harmony with God, or do you see evidence that something is broken in the world and in us?

4. Humans are more than just a body—we have a soul that lives forever. Do you believe that life continues beyond death? Why or why not?

Chapter 5

Sin: More than a Minor Mistake

1. The Bible describes sin as "missing the mark" of God's perfect standard. Do you think people are naturally good, or do we all have a tendency toward selfishness and wrongdoing?
2. The chapter describes how sin stains our character, spoils relationships, and separates us from God. Can you see examples of these effects in the world around us? How do you think sin impacts everyday life?
3. Sin is described as something that separates us from God, both in this life and eternally. Do you think this is fair? Why or why not?
4. Sin is our biggest problem and salvation is our greatest need – do you understand this statement? Do you agree with it?

Chapter 6

Jesus: More than a Historical Figure

1. In your opinion, was Jesus just a great moral teacher, or could He be something more? Why?
2. Jesus came to reveal God, relate to us, rescue us from sin, and reconcile us to God. Which of these aspects stands out most to you? Why?
3. Unlike anyone before or since, Jesus lived a perfect life and willingly died to take the penalty for our sins. What do you think about the idea that someone would die in your place to offer you forgiveness?
4. Jesus promised to return one day and that every knee would bow before Him. What do you think about the idea of Jesus coming back as King? How do you think this might impact the world?

Chapter 7

The Cross: More than a Religious Symbol

1. Before reading this, what did the cross mean to you? Has your perspective changed?
2. The Bible says Jesus' crucifixion was not an accident but part of God's plan, with specific prophecies written hundreds of years earlier. What do you think about the idea that Jesus' death was planned in advance?
3. Romans 5:8 says, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." How does this idea of selfless love compare to the way love is usually shown in the world today? What does it tell us about God's character?
4. Jesus' final words on the cross were "It is finished," meaning the price for sin was paid in full. If Jesus' death made forgiveness and reconciliation with God possible, what do you think is required from us in response?

Chapter 8

The Resurrection: More than a Good Story

1. What do you think is the most compelling piece of evidence for the resurrection? Why?
2. The resurrection validates Scripture, proves Jesus' identity as the Son of God, and confirms that His sacrifice for sin was accepted. Which of these implications stands out most to you? Why?
3. The resurrection offers hope beyond death to those who believe in Jesus. Why is that so important?
4. Romans 10:9 says that believing in the resurrection is essential for salvation. If the resurrection is true, what do you think that means for your life?

Chapter 9

Faith: More than Wishful Thinking

1. What do you think the difference is between knowing about Jesus and truly trusting in Him?
2. Faith is compared to a drowning person grabbing hold of a lifebelt. Have you ever been in a situation where you had to rely completely on someone else? How does that experience help illustrate what it means to fully trust in Jesus?
3. How do you think genuine faith should impact a person's life? What change would you expect to see in someone who truly trusts in Jesus?
4. Salvation is not something we earn but a gift we receive by trusting in Jesus. Have you ever thought about putting your trust in Him? What might be stopping you from taking that step?

Chapter 10

Salvation: More than a Ticket to Heaven

1. When someone trusts in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within them, helping them to live differently. What do you think about the idea that God can actively change a person's life from the inside out?
2. What do you think could be the biggest challenge in following Jesus? What might be the greatest reward?
3. What is the main thing you've learnt through these studies as you've explored Christianity?
4. The book ends with the question: "Are you ready to place your trust in Jesus and start your journey today?" How would you answer that question right now?