

TO THE READER: A good learning technique is to answer the following questions BEFORE reading the booklet. After reading, you can refine your answers based on your reading. Then, when your group gathers, each can discuss his or her view and you can either affirm or modify what you wrote.

1. This question: "Why believe in God?" is an ever present question asked of us often. In one or two sentences, how would you answer this? (5-6)
2. Where, in the Bible, can you take someone to show them where God Himself sets out to prove He exists? (6-10)
3. Read Romans 1:18-23. How might you use Paul's words to prove to someone God exists? (10-15)
4. What can a person "know" about God simply by observing nature? (16-20)
5. What *can* and what can we *not* know about God just from creation? (16-21)
6. What would you say is the first and primary reason God gave us the Bible? (21-26)

7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. If this is partly how sinful people are kept from the Truth, what needs to be done to counter-act what Satan and sin are doing? (26-28)

8. How might the subject of the resurrection of Jesus be used in witnessing to people about the existence of God? (28-30)¹

9. What difference does it make if God really exists?

After going through these questions, read the text and fill in the answers in preparation for class. Write down other questions you might have here...

APPLICATION

God's greatest revelation of Himself was in Jesus. We get to know Jesus only by studying about Him in the book God gave us – the Bible. Whether you are a Christian or not, this exercise will help you understand Who God is and what He has done for us.

Do a focused study in the Book of John. Take notes on a sheet of paper divided as follows:

Chapter and verse	What does this account teach me about God, Jesus, and His Holy Spirit?	What does this account teach me about what God requires of the individual(s) in the story?	What is God expecting of me and my life? What, then, must I do?
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You can use this format to study any part of the Bible. This is how we should be studying the Bible, since it is God's revelation of Himself to us. No matter where you are in life, these are the most important questions we need to be working through. Make it a habit.

For Further Study

Should You Believe in God? Christian Answers to Hard Questions Series, K. Scott Oliphint. P&R, 2013.
What is Faith? Basics of the Faith Series, Guy M. Richard. P&R, 2012.
Getting to Know John's Gospel: A Fresh Look at its Main Ideas, Robert A. Peterson. P&R, 1989.

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¹ The seven sermons in Acts: 2:14-36; 3:11-26; 4:8-12; 5:29-32; 7:1-53; 10:34-43; 13:16-41; 17:22-31