



Part 8: Conclusion

INTRODUCTION – Knowing When to Wait

Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.
Matthew 7:6 (TNIV)

DINE IN – We ARE Witnesses. We ARE Ambassadors.

Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

TAKE OUT – Simple Starters and Brief Responses

STARTER #1

I think God is love. And love is deeply personal, completely relational. So, how would an infinitely relational, personal God reveal his/her love for us? I think, through a person we could relate to!

STARTER #2

I think moral crimes should be punished, but I know I've committed moral crimes. Haven't you? I love how Jesus shows me God's desire to take my punishment away and give me a fresh start with God.

STARTER #3

There's nothing like church. People who don't have anything in common coming together to be better versions of ourselves by being mentored by the teaching and example of Jesus. All trying to help each other grow and together help others in practical ways. Amazing. I can't think of anything else like it on the planet.

STARTER #4

Imagine – a religious leader calling for the end of his own religion. I don't think there has been anything like that happen in the history of world religions, aside from Jesus. But if I'm reading the Bible right, that's exactly what it says he did.

OBJECTION #1... Jesus never existed.

OBJECTION #2... The Bible isn't history.

OBJECTION #3... The church turned Jesus into Christ/God.

Mark 12:1-12; Matthew 11:10; Luke 7:27 (in light of Malachi 3:1 & Isaiah 40:3);
Matthew 7:23-24; Luke 12:8-9; John 14:6-9; John 1:1-3, 14, 18

OBJECTION #4... Gnostic gospels reveal the real Jesus.

I am the light which is above all. I am the All. The All came forth from me and to me did the All extend. Split a piece of wood, I am there; lift up a stone, and you will find me there.
~ Gospel of Thomas, Saying 77

OBJECTION #5... I can't believe in a God who sends people to hell.

Romans 2:6-16; 1 Timothy 2:4 and 2 Peter 3:9; Ezekiel 33:11

OBJECTION #6... I can't believe in a God who allows suffering.

OBJECTION #7... With so many religions in the world, how can you say yours is right?

Acts 4:12

CONCLUSION – Let's Pray!

Matthew 9:36-38

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. Thinking back over this series, what one lesson or idea stands out as most important for you?

Look to the Book...

2. Read **Romans 2:6-16**. Then read and discuss William Lane Craig's quote from "On Guard": *According to the Bible, God doesn't judge people who have never heard of Christ on the basis of whether they've placed their faith in Christ. Rather God judges them on the basis of the light of God's general revelation in nature and conscience that they do have. The offer of Romans 2: ...is a bona fide offer of salvation. Someone who senses his need for forgiveness through his guilty conscience and flings himself upon the mercy of the God revealed in nature may find salvation. This is not to say that people can be saved apart from Christ. Rather it's to say that the benefits of Christ's atoning death can be applied to people without their conscious knowledge of Christ.* A) How do the examples of Job or Melchizedek help us understand how Jesus saves even people outside of God's covenant? B) If this is true, why evangelize? C) How might we make use of this idea in evangelistic conversations?

So What?...

3. Read over the suggested conversation starters. Can you think of some better ways to engage others in a conversation about Jesus?

4. Read **Matthew 9:36-39**. Pray that God helps you become the answer to your own prayers.

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