

# B A D I D E A S

REMOVING ROADBLOCKS TO KNOWING GOD

## Appendix: Q & Eh?

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

~ The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

### APPETIZER: Why do you show “offensive” movie clips?

1. Why did you show a clip of Bill Maher speaking negatively about religion? He said things that I find distasteful and offensive.

*The Church exists to comfort the afflicted, and sometimes to afflict the comfortable. We are a hospital for the hurting, but also a boot camp for the passively pious who need to be mobilized for mission.*

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

### DINE IN: ???

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND GENDER...

2. Why not use feminine pronouns (she/her) for God, and/or call God “Mother”?
3. Is it acceptable to see the Holy Spirit as a motherly figure?

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT MORALITY...

4. If God is a necessary concept for transcendent morality to exist, why are atheists ethical people?

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS AND THE BIBLE...

5. If we are supposed to follow Jesus specifically and not just the Bible in general, why do you teach from the Bible?

**John 5:37-40; Exodus 21:23-25; 22:18; Leviticus 20:27;  
24:19; 20:27; Deuteronomy 19:21; 20:1-4; 21:18-21**

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT HELL...

6. Does our theory of Hell impact our salvation?
7. Is it possible that all three views of hell are correct?
8. If hell isn't eternal, how can we say God is just and punishes sin?
9. Is it possible that Adam and Eve ate from “the tree of life” in Eden and thereby humans became eternal spirits?

**Revelation 22:1-2**

10. If “eternal” fire is not forever in Matthew 25:46, wouldn't that mean that “eternal” life is not forever?
11. Does the conditionalist view of hell teach that Satan and his angels will also eventually cease to exist?
12. If Christians can't agree about something as fundamental as hell, how can we ever hope to have unity?
13. How does the crucifixion of Jesus save us from hell?

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS AND DIFFERENT RELIGIONS...

14. Andy Bannister contrasted Christianity and conservative Islam. What about other forms of more gentle and embracing Islam?

### TAKE OUT: Question About Evangelism

15. What are practical next steps we can take to help start loving conversations about Jesus?

#### WHO & WHERE?

1. Family & Friends
2. Work & School
3. Social Media (fb, twitter, Instagram)
4. Cold Turkey

#### HOW?

- A. Talk about what you are learning.
- B. Offer them a book.
- C. Invite them to Church.

Our New Christmas Website: [themeetinghouse.com/Christmas](http://themeetinghouse.com/Christmas)

**NEXT WEEK: *Regifting! A series on the Holy Spirit***

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## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about something you learned or some question that remains. Take your time with this – there's lots to cover!

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Revelation 22**.
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
  - b. Review **verses 1-5**. River flowing from the throne of God, tree of life, no curse, name on foreheads, no night, all people reigning – what do you think are the meanings of these symbolic pictures? Talk about each one, and encourage one another with these truths.
  - c. In **verses 6-9**, the angel makes a clear distinction between angels and prophets on the one side (not worshipped) and God on the other side (worshipped). Which side is Jesus on? (Support your answer with Scripture.)
  - d. Using **verses 12-16**, how would you respond to someone who said the Bible teaches Jesus was not God but some lesser being (like our Jehovah's Witness friends do)?
  - e. What do you think it means to "wash your robe"? How's your robe looking these days?
  - f. Clearly, according to **verse 15**, some people are *outside* the city. Yet in **verse 17** the Spirit and the bride are inviting people to come in. Who are they talking to?
  - g. The final wish of this chapter, of this book, of the entire Bible, is that God's people would know the "grace of the Lord Jesus". What is grace, and why is it so important to understanding the gospel?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Use your Huddle Handout Questions and pray for one another.

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## Quotes

Welcome to the conclusion our series about common bad ideas that interfere with people knowing God.

Today we wrap up this series by dedicating our teaching time to responding to your questions. Here are some questions Jesus asked, and one from Bob Marley, just because.

There is one question I'd really love to ask:  
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner,  
Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own beliefs?  
~ Bob Marley, One Love

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?  
~ Jesus

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?  
~ Jesus

Why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?  
~ Jesus

Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?  
~ Jesus

Who do you say I am?  
~ Jesus

Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?  
~ Jesus

Don't you know me, even after I have been among you such a long time?  
~ Jesus