

Conversation Starters

- Has someone ever asked you a question you didn't know the answer to?
- How did it make you feel?

Discuss

The following are some of the most common questions that non-Christians have for Christians:

1. What about all the contradictions in the Bible?
2. How can anyone know if God really exists?
3. Why doesn't God make His existence clear?
4. I believe in God. Why do I need a specific religion?
5. Why are so many Christians hypocrites?
6. I know I don't agree with _____, but can I still explore?
7. Are you accepting of gays?
8. Isn't it enough to just be a good person?
9. What's so unique or special about Christianity?
10. How can there be only one way?
11. How can a loving God send someone to hell?
12. Why is there so much pain and suffering in this world, and bad things happening to good people?

The apostle Peter said, "...if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

- Are you able to answer these questions?
- Which of these questions do you have trouble answering?
- What steps can you take to be able to answer these questions?
- What are some other questions that you would add to this list?

Next Steps

Take the time to talk through your answer to each of these questions. If you find yourself challenged by certain ones, take some extra time to prepare yourself as if someone you know who is not a Christian is asking you about them. Write out your response.

Pray

Father, we rely on your truth. While there are things in the world that we sometimes do not understand, we trust in your Word. We are grateful to be able to ask the tough questions and wrestle with answers. Thank you for your grace as we do that. Give us wisdom as we wrestle, and help us to say the right words as we share our faith with others.