

# Life Group Questions



January 17, 2010  
1 John 1:1-4  
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## GETTING TO KNOW ME

- What is something you are looking forward to this year about our Life Group?
- Did you grow up in a church that believed the Bible? If so, describe it.
- Did you grow up in a church that did not believe the Bible. If so, describe it.
- Do you wonder if the stories in the Gospels are really true? Why? Why not?
- What stories in the Bible are most difficult for you to believe happened?

## INTO THE BIBLE

- Read 1 John 1:1- 4 out loud. What were the 3 truths focused on?
- Discuss the emphasis John places on his being an eyewitness of Jesus' life.
- Read 1 John 1:2. Why is public preaching indispensable to Christianity?
- Read 1 John 1:3-4. Why does God want to be known & enjoyed? Discuss.
- Read Genesis 1:1 / John 1:1 / 1 John 1:1. Discuss the similarities.
- How does Christianity differ from Eastern religions re historical facts?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Discuss the emphasis Paul puts on the evidences for Christianity. (1) What evidences does Paul mention that support the Christian faith? (2) How important is the historical trustworthiness of the Bible's stories? Why?
- Read 1 Peter 3:15. How important is it to present evidence for our faith in our evangelism?
- Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. Discuss what Peter says about the truthfulness of Christianity.
- Read Psalm 37:4 & Philippians 4:4. What are we being commanded to do in regard to joy? (1) SO...Is enjoying God a fringe benefit of being a Christian or a matter of obedience? Discuss.
- The Greek word "blessed" can be translated *Blessed* or *Happy* (i.e, joyful) (1) Read Matthew 5:1-10. What does Jesus say about finding happiness in the Christian life? (2) According to Jesus, what kinds of things produce happiness and joy? Discuss.

## APPLICATION

- Ever read a good book on the evidences for Christianity? If so, what?
- What evidences convince you the most that the Bible and its stories are really true? Discuss.
- Are you able to defend your faith if someone asked you a tough question? Why? Why not?
- How are you pursuing joy right now in your Christian walk?

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