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Here are some questions based on Mark Clark's book, *The Problem of God*. Some of these questions are similar to earlier questions in the series. Explore these questions in view of all that you have learned over the last six weeks.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. According to Mark Clark, "The longer you're a Christian, the more you come to realize that faith requires skepticism." What have you recently been skeptical about in your faith? Do you tend to lean into your doubts, or away from them?
2. What factors present Christianity as the most rational, and distinct position in the marketplace of ideas? What of its' origins, meaning, morality, and destiny support this worldview?
3. The narrative of a secular worldview states, "Science is based on truth and evidence, while faith is based on hopeful thinking and legend." How have you found the dichotomy between faith and science to be misguided? Have you found them to support, suppress, or oppose one another?
4. What evidence (physical, moral, or otherwise) have you seen that helps to affirm, or deny your belief in God? Is there any evidence that would cause you to disbelieve your current conclusion?
5. Think of counterevidence for not believing in God. Do your best to truly detail any rational explanation that would provide an adequate framework for the existence of our universe, our consciousness, etc.,
6. How could you use what you've learned in this series in a conversation with a friend or family member who doesn't believe in God?
7. Have you found contradictions in the Bible? Think critically about ways you may have placed a standard on the Bible that you wouldn't on yourself, or other historical texts.
8. How has the problem of evil and suffering changed your view and understanding of God? What emotion is stirred up, what questions arise?
9. How does an acknowledgment of the existence of evil push us toward believing in God?
10. In what ways does the growth of a Christian identify their genuine love for Jesus, more than their ability to play the part of a Christian? How have you grown in the last month in your relationship with Jesus?
11. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the center of Christianity. How you deal with the claim that Jesus physically, literally rose from the dead will either support or reject God's plan for your life. What do you believe about the resurrection of Christ, and why? If you believe it, what does it mean for you today as you live your life?



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Here are some of the most common questions that people have about God, the Bible, church, and relationships. Feel free to discuss these as a group or use this as a reference for future conversations as you invest and invite in your circle of influence. Be sure to go to the Bible to find your answers. You can also pull up <https://www.gotquestions.org/> on your phone to help with your discussion.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

12. What is the name of God? What does the Bible teach about the Trinity?
13. What are the attributes of God?
14. Does God love everyone or just Christians?
15. Does God change His mind? Is God sovereign, or do we have a free will?
16. Why does God love us? Why was God so evident in the Bible and seems so hidden today?
17. Is it wrong to question God? Is there anything God can't do?
18. Does God have a sense of humor?
19. Who was responsible for Christ's death? Why should I believe in Christ's resurrection?
20. If Jesus was God, how could He pray to God? Was Jesus praying to Himself?
21. What is prayer? Why pray?
22. What is the story of the New Testament? Why should we read the Bible? Is the Bible relevant for today?
23. What is the church? Why is church attendance important? Should the church get involved in social issues and causes?
24. How can we recognize the voice of God? How can I know God's will for my life?
25. Are we supposed to forgive ourselves? How can I forgive those who sin against me? I have committed \_\_\_\_\_ sin. Will God forgive me?
26. Does God promise to not give us more than we can handle?
27. Is there such a thing as absolute truth? Why did God create us?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

God created us with curious minds. It is okay to have questions about God. He can handle it! Whatever you do, follow the evidence before you follow your feelings. Find the answers to your questions by searching the word of God (the Bible) and by staying close to God's people (church family, small group, etc.). This week, ask God to help you not only with your questions but with the questions of others.



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