

EMMAUS SUMMER SPECIALS

LAUNCHING JUNE 7 · WEDNESDAY NIGHTS · 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

Led by: Travis Deans & Rick Evans

Description

Pastor Timothy Keller meets with a group of people over six sessions to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences, and the Bible, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity. This study will help you learn how to engage others in dialogue on six common objections to Christianity—it is a resource for what to say in response to these objections, and a model for how to say it.

Required Materials

Reason for God Discussion Guide (\$8/person)

Week 1 (June 7)

Title: Isn't the Bible a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?

Description: This session will examine the fact that many people insist the Bible isn't trustworthy or authoritative, because they believe it to be wrong, historically unreliable, and culturally regressive. Christians, however, believe the Bible is the Word of God—completely trustworthy and authoritative.

Week 2 (June 14)

Title: How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God? What About Other Religions?

Description: There are many religions in this world, with many different followers, all believing their way is right. What makes Christianity unique is its exclusive claims of being the only way to God, and also its message of salvation through Jesus' work, not our own.

Week 3 (June 21)

Title: What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life? Why Are There So Many Rules?

Description: No one likes being told they're wrong, but everyone knows of someone right now that they believe shouldn't be doing the things they are doing. This session will look at the tension between non-believers feeling there is some sort of moral reality that isn't defined by us, and the Christian belief in an absolute truth.

Week 4 (June 28)

Title: Why Does God Allow Suffering? Why Is There So Much Evil in the World?

Description: Many people object to God's existence because there is so much evil in the world. In this session, we'll look at how Christians can truthfully and biblically respond to these claims.

Week 5 (July 5)

Title: Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice? Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites?
Description: Christianity, unlike other religions or self-help programs, acknowledges it can't be followed perfectly. Christianity also provides a solution to our sin and hypocrisy—Jesus.

Week 6 (July 12)

Title: How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time? How can God Send Good People to Hell?

Description: People like the idea of a loving and forgiving God, but cannot accept a God who would knowingly send people to hell. In our last session, we'll examine how to respond to these claims and point people to the fullness of God's character and attributes.