

## Questions Asked By Mid-Schoolers – Part 1

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The following are questions submitted anonymously by a group of about 30 mid-schoolers who regularly attend church and AWANA club. They were asked to submit at least one question per person.

### Is God really going to show my sins to everybody in heaven when I go to heaven?

No. If you are a Christian there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Judgment is a time of burning off our sins and rewarding us for our times of obedience. Only the sins of those who deny Christ and proclaim their own righteousness will be displayed as evidence that no man may boast of his righteousness before God.

**(Romans 8:1, I Corinthians 3:8-15, Romans 3:19-20, Romans 4:7-8, Psalm 103:10-12)**

### Is it an obsession to pursue spiritual truths & do studies on God in school? (my friend accused me of obsession)

No. The truth is everyone is obsessed with something. Our relationship with God is the right thing to be obsessed with. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (the greatest commandment). That's more than an obsession – its our whole lives. What your friend may really be asking is, "Is school the right place for it". As long as you are taking care of your responsibilities as a student it is OK but don't make the mistake of thinking that because you are doing things for and about God you can ignore the authority of your teachers – God wants you to respect and obey their wishes as well. There is a subtle form of deception that can lead us to believe that spiritual activities are more important than everyday activities and that is not true. For example, some pastors and full time ministers have been misled into believing that serving God and ministry is so important that overwork is OK. The truth is that a minister's work is considered no more or less important than the work of a dentist, engineer, truck driver, teacher, nurse, etc. If it is wrong to sacrifice your family for your secular career it is just as wrong to sacrifice your family for your Christian ministry.

**(Mark 12:28-31, Colossians 3:22-24, I Timothy 3:1-5)**

### When did God begin? Where did God start? How does something not have an end?

These questions are based on a faulty premise. The unspoken assumption is that God is subject to time and that time is unchanging and flows at a constant rate. The truth is that Time is part of the physical world and was created at the same instant that Matter (Mass), Energy, and Space were created. Before the creation week (about 6,000 years ago) matter did not exist, energy did not exist, space did not exist, and yes, even time did not exist! Even in the physical universe time does not flow at a constant rate. Albert Einstein showed in 1915 that the presence of mass distorts both time and space (General Relativity). Time actually flows at a slower rate in a gravitational field. The stronger the gravitational field the slower time flows. The strongest gravitational field that we have been able to observe in the physical universe is created by a special type of star called a "black hole". At the event horizon of a black hole, where gravity is so strong that even light cannot escape, time actually has come to a complete stop and does not exist! This is hard for us to understand but time is not constant – it flows at vastly different rates at different points in the physical universe (we've seen it in our measurements) and it does not exist at all outside the physical universe (heaven & hell). **(I Corinthians 15:40-41)**

### Is God really going to keep people in hell FOREVER AND EVER!

Yes. This one is hard for Christians to understand because we have admitted our sins to God and accepted His payment for our sins by the blood of Christ. Its hard for us to imagine the rebellion in the heart of someone who had their entire life to submit to God and accept His free gift of eternal life but instead chose to demand their own way. God is not the one sending them to hell. They are sending themselves to hell by not turning to Him. Its eternal because time does not exist outside the physical universe - see previous question. **(Revelation 14:9-11, Matthew 13:40-43)**

### Does God love everybody?

Yes. He loves everyone, but not everyone loves Him. The whole point of creating Man was so that God could have a relationship with Him. If a person does not want a relationship with God then God will not force him. Of course eternity without God is a disastrous choice but men are free to make that choice. In addition, His perfect love is only one aspect of His character - which also includes perfect righteousness and justice. **(Isaiah 65:1-2, Romans 5:8-10)**

### Do animals go to heaven? (I love animals)

This question represents a larger class of questions. The fact is there are many things about life on Earth that we love. Will all these things also be in heaven? God does not say. He does not say yes and He does not say no. It's a secret. Why doesn't He say? Because He wants us to put our faith in Him and His character, not in some "thing". God promises that, "in His right hand there are pleasures forever". The Bible also says that, "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, it has not even entered the heart of man all that God has prepared for those who love Him". The real question is, do you believe God when He says this? Do you love and trust Him more than your animals or whatever it is you love? The fact is your flesh has not been perfected yet. When it is (at Christ's return) you will have no unfulfilled desire in heaven. This can occur two ways, 1) Some of your desires will be fulfilled or exceeded, and 2) Some of your current desires will disappear. Either way you will feel no sense of loss. **(Deuteronomy 29:29, Psalm 16:11, I Corinthians 2:9, Ecclesiastes 3:21)**

### **We say brother/sister in Christ but we are all blood related because there were only 2 people to begin with, right?**

In the new testament, the term "brother or sister" refers to the relationship of one christian to another – particularly when the two Christians are in a similar age group. It's not a blood relationship, it is a spiritual one. **(I Timothy 5:1-25)**

### **When does Jesus come back?**

The Bible says that no man will know the day or the hour. However, the Bible makes it clear that certain things have to happen before Christ returns. For example, the most important thing that had to occur before Christ can return is that Israel had to become a nation again. The ancient Roman Empire destroyed Israel in 73 AD and dispersed the Jews across the nations of the Earth at that time. 1,875 years later Israel was miraculously reconstituted as a nation back in their land in May 1948 (about 60 years ago). This marked the beginning of the "End Times" which we now live in. All Bible prophecies that had to be fulfilled before the Rapture of the Church have been fulfilled so Christ can return at any moment He wishes to. **(Deuteronomy 28:63-67, Leviticus 26:44-45, Ezekiel 36:22-28, Jeremiah 16:14-16)**

### **Is it true that the Earth used to be connected before the flood, even if it was not separated millions of years ago?**

The geologic evidence appears to indicate that at one time all the continents were integrated into one large land mass called Pangea. Both Christians and atheist scientists believe this although we disagree on the breaking apart. Atheists believe the continents broke apart slowly and drifted apart at the rate of inches a year over millions of years. Christians believe the breaking apart occurred rapidly (within about a year) during the worldwide flood of Noah's time.

Source: J. R. Baumgardner, "3-D Finite Element Simulation of the Global Tectonic Changes Accompanying Noah's Flood", 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conf. on Creationism, July 1990.  
<http://www.icr.org/article/simulation-noahs-flood/>

### **Do you have to be baptized to go to heaven or does it just help?**

No. Baptism is a symbol of your new relationship with God when you become a Christian. Its like the wedding ring people give each other when they get married. It is a way of telling everyone publicly that you are committed to someone. Can you be married and not wear a ring? Yes. My grandparents did not have wedding rings because they could not afford them. So, it has nothing to do with going to heaven. On the other hand if you were married to someone and they did not wear a wedding ring on their finger you might wonder if they really loved you or if they were ashamed of you or something. So, it's an issue of devotion and love, but not an issue of salvation. **(I Corinthians 1:10-21)**

### **When people walk with God are they just talking to God or is God really walking with them?**

Walking with God means we are moving in the same direction together, at the same pace, toward a common goal. Why? Because we like each other! God is interested in the goal but He is more interested in developing the relationship with you along the way. Any variance short of achieving the goal God can fix later with a blink of His eyelid but the developing relationship with you is everything. Why is having a relationship with you so incredibly important to God? Are you going to teach God something? Are you going to do something that surprises God? No. So, why are you so interesting to God? Why does He love you so much? Why does He want to do things together with you as a partner? No one knows. He just does. Yes, God is really walking with them **(Exodus 33:10-11, John 15:12-14, I Corinthians 1:9, Isaiah 41:8-10)**

### **What artifacts are there that prove the Bible is true?**

This question is based on a faulty premise. The Bible is the Word of God and is therefore the final authority in all things. So, nothing else can prove the Bible is true but we can use the Bible to validate that other things are true. What you may really be asking is, "Is archeological evidence consistent with the Biblical record"? Yes, it is. There are many books that have documented this in detail. In addition, the smart archeologists will study the Bible to see if there is a city or something mentioned that has never been found and then they will use the information in the Bible as clues to see if they can go find it. Pretty smart. For me the most compelling "artifact" is on the nightly news every few weeks or so. It is the supernatural re-establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 in fulfillment of prophecy after 1,875 years of non-existence! **(Deuteronomy 4:1-8 / 4:39-40 / 6:1-3 / 12:28, Psalm 12:6 / 119:98-100 / 119:140 / 18:30, Proverbs 30:5-6, Isaiah 55:10-11 / 40:8, John 17:17, II Peter 1:20-21)**

### **Is there a hidden message in the Bible (a Bible Code)? What is the hidden message in Genesis 5?**

We don't really know. God is certainly smart enough that He could have put a secret code in the Bible but its not clear what purpose it would serve. Biblical revelation is meant to be understood by the ordinary man. A hidden Bible code would appear to be contrary to that purpose. However, there are some godly men who believe a Bible code exists. According to Dr. Chuck Missler, Jewish rabbis say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes. But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us, He will interpret the words; the very letters themselves; in fact, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters! Missler goes on to discuss the message he believes is hidden in Genesis 5. He takes the names of all the fathers and sons in the order mentioned in the chapter and translates each name into English. The names Adam (man), Seth (appointed), Enosh (mortal), Kenan (sorrow), Mahalalel (the blessed God), Jared (shall come down), Enoch (teaching), Methuselah (his death shall bring), Lamech (the despairing), and Noah (rest or comfort) translate into the phrase: *Man is appointed mortal sorrow but the blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing rest.* In other words it is a description of the gospel embedded in the names of these ancient people! **(Matthew 5:17-18)**

Source: Dr. Chuck Missler, "Cosmic Codes: Hidden Messages From The Edge Of Eternity", Koinonia House Publishing, 2004

### **In Micah 6:8 it says “and what does the Lord require of you”. What does He mean by that?**

“Require” means something that God wants to be true of you. God wants it to be true of you that you act justly, love kindness, and live life in a humble way. **(Micah 6:8)**

### **What language was the Bible originally written in?**

The Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. The Old Testament is mostly Hebrew, the language of ancient Israel. Some parts of the Old Testament are Aramaic, a language closely related to Hebrew and used by the Assyrians. Some New Testament passages indicate that Jesus most likely spoke Aramaic. Greek was the common language of the New Testament writers due to the world empire established by Alexander the Great before the Roman Empire replaced it. The ancient Greek language used in the Bible is significantly different from today’s Greek.

### **Was it hard for God to give up Jesus as a sacrifice?**

Very hard. While Jesus was on the cross the full fury of God the Father was released on Jesus instead of on those who deserved it (us). On top of all this Jesus exists from now on in a resurrected, physical human body for all of eternity, including the scars of crucifixion – He is permanently changed.

**(Romans 8:32, Psalm 22:1-18, Mark 15:22-39, Isaiah 53:1-12, John 20:24-29)**

### **Are ghosts real?**

It depends on what you mean by real. Are ghosts dead people that appear to living people? No. However, it is possible for fallen angels to present themselves in various forms in order to deceive or trick people. The Bible provides evidence that fallen angels can appear in the form of angels of light, human-like beings (example: ghosts), animals (spirit guides), metallic objects, whirling wheels, and colored lights. If you don’t dabble or play around with occult things like palm readers, horoscopes, tarot cards, etc. you should not have any problems. If you feel like you are seeing a ghost or you feel scared for some reason just pray to Jesus and ask Him for help. If it is a fallen angel bothering you he will go away when you start praying. **(James 4:7, Romans 8:38-39, Jeremiah 10:2, I John 4:1-3, Ezekiel 1:6-20 / 10:9-17, I Timothy 4:1-3, II Corinthians 11:14-15, Leviticus 19:31 / 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Colossians 2:18-19)**

### **Is there a sure and true sign that you are really a Christian?**

Yes. The sign is Faith that Christ has paid for our sins and has reconciled us to God regardless of how we feel on any given day. As time goes on and you grow in your relationship with Christ you will have less doubt and more faith. However, you only need the smallest amount of faith to go to heaven. More faith does not make you more likely to go to heaven, it just means you become more convinced and have fewer times when you have doubts. Its not about what you do or what you feel, its about what God did and if you believe its true or not.

**(Hebrews 11:1, 2, 6, John 4:48, John 1:12, John 5:24, John 6:35-40, Colossians 1:13-14)**

### **In witnessing to friends, how do I explain to a nonbeliever or a skeptic why we believe in God?**

We believe in God because of the evidence found in creation and because of eternity that has been placed in the heart of man. We know in our hearts that we could never stand before the judgment of a righteous God – yet only in Christ is there salvation apart from ourselves. All other religions require that you achieve righteousness on your own efforts. We believe that Christ is God because of the way He has changed our lives and because of the prophecies He has fulfilled in Christ and in the nation of Israel. **(Romans 1:18-20, Ecclesiastes 3:11, Acts 4:12, Isaiah 46:5-10)**

### **What is God made of?**

God is spirit. A spirit has intelligence, personality, feelings, and awareness but not a physical body. This is true for God the Father and for God the Holy Spirit. However, God the Son (Jesus) now has a resurrected physical body and will continue to have it for eternity. **(John 4:24)**

### **How can God judge someone who never heard of Him but they knew there was a God they just didn’t know it was Jesus? Is it like the Old testament guys?**

Yes. Its just like the Old Testament guys. God has promised that to anyone who asks to know the real God, He will reveal Himself to them. If a person who never heard of Christ prays and asks God to show Him who the real God is, God will! The problem is most people don’t ask. God created all these people and He knows their exact situation better than we do. If the person genuinely seeks God but there is no way to show them Christ, God will take this into account in His judgment. **(Matthew 7:7-11, Romans 9:14-30, Romans 4:1-25)**

### **Why didn’t Noah just go along with the crowd and not believe in God?**

Because he loved the approval of God more than the approval of men and he was looking forward to the reward he would receive from God for his faith demonstrated by his obedience. **(John 12:42-43, Hebrews 11: 1-40, Isaiah 66:2)**

**I like reading the Twilight books but they are evil, murderous, and have vampires that love blood. I have read that Christians should not read the books because the author is Mormon - I am addicted to them. Any help on how to turn from the evilness of Twilight?**

The author is not really the issue here. The problem is the content. You are filling your mind with violence and with things that are not worthy of praise. You are setting worthless things before your eyes which is the first step in falling away from the faith. This is a serious issue, particularly since you feel you are addicted. You need to make a decision based on faith. Are you willing to stop all Twilight books, movies, etc. knowing that God will lay up a reward in Heaven each time you do so? If not then anytime you are reading a Twilight book or watching a movie of it or whatever I want you to stop and say to yourself, "Putting this in my brain is more important to me than receiving a reward in Heaven that will have value for all of eternity. I am doing this because I prefer to lose the reward and enjoy the passing pleasure of sin". You can also take preventive measures by throwing away any books or videos you have on this topic and ask your parents and trusted friends to help you by limiting your exposure to these things so that you won't be tempted as often.

**(Hebrews 11: 24-26, James 4:1-10, Philippians 4:8, Psalm 101:3 / 11:4-5, Proverbs 3:7-8 / 4:14-15 / 13:19-20)**

**Why in Psalms does David question the Lord?**

Because he wants to know why he is going through such difficult times and is looking to God to help him. The Psalms are David's prayers to God and God wants us to honestly share our feelings and concerns with Him. The key issue is our attitude. It is OK to ask God why something is happening with the intent of understanding how we are to handle the situation and to understand what God will do to help us. It is not OK to demand that God take the problem away. How dare He not give me the experiences I demand to have! This type of why is the why of rebellion. You will also notice that in many of the Psalms they start as prayers with questions and descriptions of problems but they end with David describing the answer to the prayer that God has given Him about what God will do to help him in the situation. David is a model for how we are to handle life when it gets difficult. **(Psalm 4)**

**What do you say if asked the difference between Jesus, Buddha, Allah, etc. Aren't they the same person?**

No. All religions believe that they are the right religion but only one is. The rest are counterfeits. Buddhism and Hinduism are forms of pantheistic monism (all is god, all is one) - so are New Age beliefs and Wicca. These religions believe that God is not a person but is the combined "life force" within all living things (like in the movies "Star Wars" & "Avatar"). This is the reason many East Asian religions have a strange reverence for animals - to kill a cow or an insect is to injure "god". Hindus believe in the concept of many reincarnations. Buddhism is similar to Hinduism except that it was started by a prince in India. While a teen the prince left the palace and his wife and became a wandering monk, living in poverty and seeking wisdom on how to end suffering. Another type of demonic deception occurs in monotheism (belief in a single, personal god). In this type of deception a demon, pretending to be an angel of god provides revelation to someone of a type that denies the deity of Christ. Examples of this are Islam and Mormonism. The "angel" Moroni is an angel that Joseph Smith, Jr. said visited him on numerous occasions, beginning in 1823. The angel was the guardian of the golden plates, which Smith said were buried in a hill near his home in western New York, and which he said were the source material for the Book of Mormon. Mohammad had been meditating in a cave on Mount Hira for six months when the "angel" Gabriel appeared to him and reappeared to him on numerous occasions to dictate the Koran to him. In the Koran, the words of Allah himself deny the deity of Christ, deny the death of Christ, and make the claim that Christians believe Mary is someone we worship as one of three Gods.

Excerpts from Yusuf Ali English Translation of the Koran (<http://www.islamicity.com/quransearch/>)

4:157 – *That they said (in boast), "We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah.:- but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not:- 4:158 – Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise;- 4:171 - O People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor say of Allah aught but the truth. Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) an apostle of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him: so believe in Allah and His apostles. Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better for you: for Allah is one Allah. Glory be to Him: (far exalted is He) above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is Allah as a Disposer of affairs. 5:116 - And behold! Allah will say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! Didst thou say unto men, worship me and my mother as gods in derogation of Allah.?" He will say: "Glory to Thee! never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, thou wouldst indeed have known it. Thou knowest what is in my heart, Thou I know not what is in Thine. For Thou knowest in full all that is hidden. 17:111 - Say: "Praise be to Allah, who begets no son, and has no partner in (His) dominion: Nor (needs) He any to protect Him from humiliation: yea, magnify Him for His greatness and glory!"*

**(Romans 1:25, II John 1:7, II Timothy 2:24-26 / 4:1-4, I Timothy 4:1-2 / 6:3-5, II Corinthians 11:13-15, Mark 13:22)**

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*JEREMIAH 15:16*

**THEME:** *What artifacts are there that prove the Bible is true?*

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION:** *Deuteronomy 4:1-8, 39-40*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION:** *Deuteronomy 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 12:28*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION:** *Psalm 12:6, Psalm 119:98-100, 140*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *What artifacts are there that prove the Bible is true? (continued)***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 18:30, Proverbs 30:5-6***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 55:10-11, Isaiah 40:8***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 17:17, II Peter 1:20-21***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *Was it hard for God to give up Jesus as a sacrifice?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 22:1-18***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Mark 15:22-39***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 53:1-12, John 20:24-29, Romans 8:32***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *Are ghosts real?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *James 4:7, Romans 8:38-39***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I John 4:1-3, I Timothy 4:1-3***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Colossians 2:18-19, II Corinthians 11:14-15***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

*JEREMIAH 15:16*

**THEME: *Are ghosts real? (continued)***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Leviticus 19:31, Leviticus 20:6, Deuteronomy 18:9-12***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ezekiel 1:6-20***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Jeremiah 10:2, Ezekiel 10:9-17***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *Is there a sure and true sign that you are really a Christian?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 11:1-6, John 4:48***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 1:12, John 5:24, Colossians 1:13-14***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 6:35-40***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *How do I explain to a skeptic why we believe in God?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:18-20***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Ecclesiastes 3:11, Acts 4:12***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 46:5-10***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *What about the person who has never heard of Christ but believes in God?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Matthew 7:7-11***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 4:1-25***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 9:14-30***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *Why didn't Noah just go along with the crowd?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 12:42-43***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 11:1-40***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 66:2***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

**JEREMIAH 15:16**

**THEME: *How do I turn from the evilness of Twilight?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Hebrews 11:24-26, James 4:1-10***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Philippians 4:8, Psalm 101:3, Proverbs 13:19-20***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 11:4-5, Proverbs 3:7-8, Proverbs 4:14-15***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

***JEREMIAH 15:16***

**THEME: *Why in Psalms does David question the Lord? What is God made of?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Psalm 4***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *John 4:24***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

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**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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**QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD**

**JEREMIAH 15:16**

**THEME: *Aren't Jesus, Buddha, Allah, etc. the same person?***

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *II John 1:7, Mark 13:22, II Corinthians 11:13-15***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

**How will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?**

**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Romans 1:25, II Timothy 2:24-26, II Timothy 4:1-4***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *I Timothy 4:1-2, I Timothy 6:3-5***

**How does this passage relate to the theme?**

**When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:**

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