

Faith Questions

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670501– God

Session 1: Where Is God?

Psalm 19:1–4a; Acts 17:22–31

Session 2: Who Is God?

Matthew 28:16–20

Session 3: Why Did God Allow Sin into the World?

Genesis 3:1–13

Session 4: Does God Know What Will Happen Before It Happens?

(and if so, Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?)

Psalm 139; Romans 8:31–39

Session 5: Does God Cry When We Cry and Laugh When We Laugh?

Exodus 33:7–23; John 14:8–9

Session 6: Why Do People Believe (or Not Believe) in God?

1 Corinthians 12:1–3; Hebrews 11:1 (2–40)

670502–Church

Session 1: Why Do We Sing in Church?

Ephesians 5:19; James 5:13; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 150

Session 2: Why Do We Worship on Sundays?

John 20:1; Acts 20:7; Genesis 2:2–3; Exodus 20:8–11; Mark 2:27

Session 3: Why Do You Go to Church If You Believe in God?

1 Corinthians 12:12–26; Romans 12:4–8

Session 4: Isn't It Enough to Believe in God and Jesus and Lead a Good Life?

Hebrews 10:24–25; Romans 1:11–12; Matthew 28:19–20

670503– God's Creation

Session 1: How Are We Related to God's Creation?

Genesis 1:1–2:1; 2:7, 15, 18–20a; Psalm 8

Session 2: What Does the Old Testament Say About Taking Care of Creation?

Genesis 13:2–12; Leviticus 25:1–7; Isaiah 32:16–20; 40:10–12

Session 3: What Would Jesus Recycle?

Matthew 6:25–34; Luke 10:25–29

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Session 4: What Else Can I Do to be a "Green" Christian?

*Romans 8:18–25; Psalm 19:1–6; James 2:14–17; Philippians 2:1–8;
Matthew 28:16–20*

670504– Being Presbyterian

Session 1: How Did the Presbyterian Church Get Started??

Ephesians 2:1–10; Romans 4:13–25; Romans 5:1–11

Session 2: Why Are We Called *Presbyterians*?

1 Corinthians 14:40; Acts 15:1–21

Session 3: How Is Worship in a Presbyterian Church Different from Other Churches?

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 150; Acts 2:41–47; 1 Corinthians 14:26–33

Session 4: What Do Presbyterians Believe About God?

Daniel 2:20–23a; Ephesians 2:4–5, 8–9

Session 5: What Do Presbyterians Believe About the People of God?

Jonah 1 and 3; Matthew 5:21–24

Session 6: What Do Presbyterians Do?

Micah 6:6–8; John 21:15–17

670505– The Bible

Session 1: Where did the Bible Come From?

Deuteronomy 6:20–25

Session 2: Why Do We Need So Many Versions of the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16–17

Session 3: Do We Take the Bible Literally?

Psalm 19:7–10

Session 4: Why Does God in the Old Testament Seem to Be Scary and Cruel, While Jesus in the New Testament is for Peace and Love?

John 1:1–5

670506– Jesus Christ

Session 1: How Is Jesus God?

Luke 8:22–25; John 1:1–18; Philippians 2:5–11

Session 2: Why Do We Pray "In Jesus' Name"?

Exodus 3:13–15; Exodus 20:7; John 14:13–14

Session 3: What Makes Jesus So Great?

Acts 10:36–43; Luke 4:16–24

Session 4: Who Do You Say I Am?

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Mark 8:27–38

670507– Forgiveness

Session 1: What Motivates God to Continue Loving Us?

Psalm 103; John 3:16–17

Session 2: Why Did God Make Humanity So Sinful?

Ephesians 2:1–10; Genesis 2:15–18; 3:1–13

Session 3: If We Are All So Bad, Why Doesn't God Just Start Over in Another World?

2 Samuel 11:1–12:14; Romans 6:1–4

Session 4: Is Anything Unforgivable?

Matthew 20:1–15; Jonah 3:5, 10; 4:1–11

Session 5: Why Should I Forgive?

Matthew 18:21–35; Proverbs 17:9

Session 6: How Do I Forgive?

Genesis 50:15–21; Matthew 6:7–15; 18:15–17; James 5:15–16

670508– Holy Spirit

Session 1: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Genesis 1:1–2

Session 2: How Do We Sense God around Us?

John 14:15–26

Session 3: What Does the Holy Spirit Do *For* Us?

Acts 19:1–7

Session 4: What Does the Holy Spirit Do *Through* Us?

1 Corinthians 12:4–11

670509– Heaven and Hell

Session 1: What Happens When You Die?

Matthew 22:1–2; Romans 8:36–39; Psalm 89:48; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Daniel 12:1–3; Matthew 25:31–46; John 4:10–14; Matthew 13:31–32

Session 2: What Is Heaven Like?

John 3:16–17; Daniel 12:1–3; Isaiah 11:1–9

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Session 3: What Is Hell Like?

Matthew 13:41–42

Session 4: How Can I Get Into Heaven and Stay Out of Hell?

Genesis 11:1–4; Matthew 19:16–26; Titus 3:4–5; Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8–9

680501- Old Testament

Session 1: What's This I Hear about Different Creation Stories?

Genesis 1:1–2:4a; Genesis 2:4b–24; Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:22–31

Session 2: Why Does God Seem So High-Strung in the Old Testament?

Hosea 11:1–9

Session 3: Why Are Parts of the Bible So Boring?

Genesis 5; Leviticus 11; Psalm 119; Ezekiel 40–42; Luke 3:23–38

Session 4: Why Should a Book Like Judges Be Important to My Faith?

Judges 3:12–30

Session 5: What's Up with David's Census?

2 Samuel 24:1–17; 1 Chronicles 21:1–17

Session 6: Why Should Christians Pay Attention to the Old Testament?

Luke 4:14–21

680503- Deep and Wide

Session 1: How Can I Be a Better Disciple of Jesus Christ?

2 Timothy 1:3–7; Mark 14:32–40

Session 2: Why Is It Important to Tell People About Jesus?

John 6:60–69; Matthew 28:18–20; Jonah (various excerpts)

Session 3: If I Love God and God Loves Me, Why Do I Have to Worry About Other People?

Galatians 5:13–14; Philippians 2:1–4; Exodus 3–4; John 13:1–16

Session 4: What's the Big Deal About Church Being Diverse?

Galatians 3:26–29; Deuteronomy 10:14–19

680504- Reformed Theology

Session 1: How Do We Know God Is Trying to Tell Us Something?

2 Timothy 3:16–17; Genesis 2:7; 1 Kings 19:11–12

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Session 2: Is God in Charge of Everything? Really, *Everything*?

Exodus 32:9–14; Psalm 22:1–5; Jeremiah 29:11; Luke 22:39–42; Romans 8:31–39

Session 3: Why Do I Do Bad Things?

Genesis 3:1–6; Genesis 4:1–8; Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 51; Romans 7:14–15, 20; 7:21–8:3a

Session 4: Is Everything Predestined, or Do I Have Free Will?

Psalm 139:1–6; Proverbs 19:21; Matthew 25:14–30; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12

Session 5: If the World Belongs to God, Why Do I Have to Worry about It?

Psalm 24:1–2; Micah 6:1–2, 6–8; John 3:16–17

Session 6: What Is Re-Formed about My Church?

Ephesians 4:15–16; Acts 15:1–6

680505- Gospels

Session 1: Why Are There Four Books about Jesus?

Matthew 28:1–15; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–12; John 20:1–18

Session 2: Does Jesus Really Want Me to Give Up My Cell Phone?

Matthew 19:16–26

Session 3: Can I Really Follow Jesus?

Luke 19:1–10

Session 4: What Am I Supposed to Do Now?

Matthew 25:31–46

680507- Prayer

Session 1: What Is Prayer?

Ephesians 6:8, 1 Timothy 2:1, Colossians 1:9–12, Philippians 4:6–7 (8)

Session 2: Why Is Praying Important?

Matthew 6:9–13; Luke 22:41–44; Philippians 4:6–7

Session 3: Does God Answer Prayer?

John 14:12–14, (1 Kings 18:25–40)

Session 4: Why Does God Answer Our Prayers in Ways That Are Hard to Understand?

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Isaiah 55:2-3, 8-9

Session 5: What Is a Prayer of Confession?

Psalms 51

Session 6: Do We Really Have to Close Our Eyes While Talking to God?

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7; Psalm 123:1-2, John 11:41; John 17:1; Acts 21:5-6

680508- Christianity and...

Session 1: Do All Paths Lead to the Same God?

Romans 10:12; Genesis 1:27; Luke 10:25-37; Isaiah 25:6-8

Session 2: Why Do Christians Believe in One God?

Joshua 24:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Session 3: What Do Other Religions Believe About Jesus?

Galatians 3:6-9, 4:22-23; John 3:16; Romans 10:16-17

Session 4: How Should We Treat Non-Christians?

Romans 14:4, 22; Colossians 2:16-17; John 10:15-17; Luke 10:25-37

680509- New Testament

Session 1: Why Does the Church Wear Red on Pentecost?

Acts 2:1-13

Session 2: Why Do Some of the Books in the New Testament End with “-ans”?

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Session 3: Why Does the New Testament Talk Down to Women?

1 Timothy 2:8-15

Session 4: What’s Revelation All About? (And Should I Be Worried?)

Revelation 13:11-14:5

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690501- End Times

Session 1: What is the second coming?

Matthew 24:3–31

Session 2: Will I be left behind?

John 3:16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:14-19

Session 3: So how will we know who is the false prophet?

1 John 4

Session 4: How long will it be until Jesus comes back?

Matthew 24:6-44

690502- Sacraments

Session 1: What's the big deal about the Sacraments?

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Ephesians 4:4-6

Session 2: Why do we only have two sacraments when some churches have seven?

Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Session 3: Why do we baptize babies instead of waiting until we're old enough to decide for ourselves?

Acts 2:37-42

Session 4: During communion, are we really sharing Jesus' body and blood?

Mark 14:22–25, 1 Corinthians 11:17–22

690503- Faith and Science

Session 1: Is Science More or Less "True" Than the Bible?

Genesis 11:1-9; Joshua 6:20, 8:28

Session 2: How Old Is the Earth?

Genesis 1:1-2:4; Proverbs 16:4

Session 3: Why Do People Put Jesus and Darwin Fish on Their Cars?

Genesis 2:4b-7; Romans 8:31

Session 4: Does God Really Care If I Pass Chemistry?

Exodus 33:20-23; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Psalm 139; Mark 12:28-30

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690504- War

Session 1: Is war a violation of "Thou Shall Not Kill"?

Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:9-11

Session 2: Why is there so much killing in the Bible?

Joshua 24

Session 3: Is there ever a good reason for war?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Romans 13:1-5

Session 4: We have a loving God, so why is there hate?

Genesis 4:1-16, James 4:1-3

680505- Politics

Session 1: Is God a Republican or Democrat?

Mark 12:13-17

Session 2: Is it a sin not to vote?

Romans 13:1-10

Session 3: Why do so many politicians seem to lie and make bad decisions in their personal lives?

Romans 3:9-20

Session 4: Is it okay or not to talk about politics at church?

Acts 4:23-31

690506- Money

Session 1: Is it ok to pray for more money?

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Session 2: What's so wrong with wanting money?

Matthew 19:16-30

Session 3: What if I don't have any money?

Luke 12:22-34

Session 4: Are we really supposed to give our money away?

2 Chronicles 31:2-8, Matthew 6:19-21

690507- Relationships

Session 1: Does God love me?

John 3:16, Romans 8:38-39

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Session 2: I know we're supposed to love our neighbors as ourselves, but what if I don't love myself?

Leviticus 19:18, Colossians 3:12-17

Session 3: What kind of people does God want me to be around?

Luke 10:25-37

Session 4: How can I honor my parents when I don't feel like I love them?

1 Peter 2:11-17

680502- Called

Session 1: Why Isn't Belief in Jesus Enough When You Are a Christian?

Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 4:16-21; Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-12, 16

Session 2: Do I Have to Be a Pastor to Serve God?

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7-20, 26; Romans 12:4-21

Session 3: Is Church the Only Way to Serve God?

Esther 3:12-13; 4:1-5:3

Session 4: What Does It Mean to Be Called by God?

1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Kings 19:9-13

680506- I Believe

Session 1: Where Do My Beliefs Come From (and How Do I Know They're Legitimate?)

Galatians 1:11-17

Session 2: What Do I Believe?

Mark 16:1-8

Session 3: Who Do I Believe In?

Matthew 15:21-28

Session 4: How Do My Beliefs Affect How I Live My Life?

Galatians 5:13-25

690508- Justice

Session 1: Who exactly are my neighbors and why do I have to help them?

Luke 10:25-37

Session 2: Why do I have to help people who aren't willing to work to help themselves?

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Matthew 25:34-45

Session 3: Does God really expect us to stand up for things when doing so could put us in danger?

Acts 6:8-8:1 (focusing on 6:8)

Session 4: God wants us to help people, but couldn't God just do it on God's own?

Luke 12:35-48

690509- Sin

Session 1: Who defines what sin is?

John 8:1-11, Romans 3:21-26

Session 2: Why do we have to pay the consequences of Adam and Eve?

Genesis 3:1-19, Romans 5:12-21

Session 3: Are all sins the same?

Romans 14:1-12

Session 4: What would the world be like if there was no sin?

Isaiah 35; Revelation 21:1-4