

Part A.

God and Spiritual Powers
How can we relate to God if we cannot see him?

What things show that God is a personal being?

What is “holiness”?

What does the Bible mean in saying that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? What makes him God’s Son?

List three things that you know about the Holy Spirit.

Part B.

God and the World: Basics
Do you believe that God created the world?
Why or why not?

In what ways do you think God exerts control over our lives?

Give a definition of sin.

What are some results of sin?

How should the statement that God is the judge of the world encourage us?

Part C.

God and the World: Jesus Christ
What makes you think Jesus was raised from the dead? (The group could make a list of reasons which could be used in talking to someone who is skeptical about it.)

How does Jesus Christ's death bring God's forgiveness of sins?

What does the Bible mean in saying that we are put right in God's sight by his "grace"?

How should Jesus Christ being "Lord of all" affect us?

How does the teaching about Jesus Christ's return encourage you?

Part D. **God and His Own People**
How should knowing that God is always with his people affect the way we think and act?

How do we or how can we actually know God?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit help God's people? (Do not limit your answer to only what is mentioned in the study.)

To what degree do you experience God's joy and peace? What should we do to know more of this joy and peace?

How specific do you think God's plans are for each Christian?

Part E.

 Relating to God Explain in your own words what a person needs to do to get right with God.

In difficult circumstances, what reasons do we have to trust God instead of being afraid?

Why do you think that loving God is the most important thing to do?

What does making Jesus Christ our Lord involve doing?

What measures could you take to help yourself to consistently praise and give thanks to God?

Part F. Church Life Why do you think it is important to meet together with other believers?

How do we benefit in participating and sharing in things with other believers?

What does encouraging others involve doing?

What is involved in worshiping God?

How do you or how could you serve God and his people?

Part G.

Relating to People Do you have enemies or people that you do not get on well with? What can you do to love them?

Which characteristics of love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-7) do you: value the most; and need to bear in mind the most (in order to better love others)?

Who are the needy that you can help? How could you help them?

What does showing mercy involve doing?

What do you think are the main points to mention when telling someone the gospel?

Part H. Persevering Are you ready for Jesus Christ's return? If you knew he was returning in the next twelve months, what would you do differently?

Explain in your own words what it means to "live according to the Spirit" (cf. Romans 8:3b-5)?

Why is pride so bad?

How can we bring ourselves to trust in God during hard times?

What attitude and actions should be part of our response to those who persecute us?
