

Last Time: “Why do I believe in God?”

1. It’s the most logical thing to do *LOGIC*
  - a. God makes more sense than evolution.
  - b. I can statistically prove his existence.
2. I’ve felt his presence *EXPERIENCE*
  - a. I had an amazing conversion experience.
  - b. I’ve experienced a miraculous answer to prayer, etc.
3. I’ve always believed in God *INHERITED*
  - a. I grew up in the church.
  - b. My parents told me to believe in God.
4. I know him *RELATIONSHIP*
  - a. I have a personal relationship with God.
  - b. I can introduce you to him.
5. It’s the safe thing to do *SAFETY*
  - a. I want to have all of my bases covered.
  - b. Why not believe in God? It doesn’t change anything.

Last Time: “What’s the most effective way to share your beliefs with others?”

1. The least effective ways to share your beliefs with others:
  - a. Try to prove to them that God exists
  - b. Insult them for not believing in God or acting like you’re better
  - c. Promising good things if they believe
2. The most effective ways to share your beliefs with others:
  - a. Give personal, real-life testimonies of what God has done for you
  - b. Share with them what your relationship with God means to you
  - c. Tell them how you came to truly believe in God—OWN your FAITH

Last Time: “What if we were talking about a person instead of God?”

6. It’s the most logical thing to do *LOGIC*
  - a. I’ve seen her picture in the yearbook.
  - b. I can prove to you that she exists with my yearbook.
7. I’ve felt his presence (had an encounter) *EXPERIENCE*
  - a. I actually bumped into her in the hallway.
  - b. In one class, she sat across the room from me.
8. I’ve always believed in God *INHERITED*
  - a. I have just always assumed she went to my school.
  - b. My parents know her and talk about her a lot.
9. I know him *RELATIONSHIP*
  - a. I have met her, know things about her, and have become friends with her.
  - b. I can introduce you to her.
10. It’s the safe thing to do *SAFETY*
  - a. Just in case she is real, I don’t want to make her mad.
  - b. Why not believe she exists? It really doesn’t make that much difference.

### Some Verses to Consider:

- 1 Peter 3:15-16, “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. *Always be prepared* to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against *your good behavior in Christ* may be ashamed of their slander.”
- Matthew 28:18-20, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, *go and make disciples* of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and *teaching* them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- James 4:17, “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”

### Evangelism 101: The Most Important Questions

Q. Why should I be concerned about sharing Christ with others?

A. BECAUSE CHRIST CARED ENOUGH ABOUT YOU TO SHARE HIS BLOOD

Q. When will I know I’m ready to start sharing my faith?

A. WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE FAITH

Q. What do I say if I can’t answer their questions?

A. WE’LL FIND OUT TOGETHER (JOIN WITH THEM IN DISCOVERY!)

Q. Who am I supposed to talk to?

A. TALK TO STRANGERS (TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE)

Q. How do I start a conversation with someone about God?

A. BY GIVING THEM A REASON TO (ASK YOU ABOUT WHY YOU LIVE LIKE YOU’RE DIFFERENT) and BY USING “GOD” LANGUAGE

Q. Where do I begin when I start talking about my faith?

A. BEGIN BY OFFERING THEM AN INVITATION TO ASK YOU ABOUT GOD