

## Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic, and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor.

The questions are designed to enhance learning by discovering and solidifying personal beliefs and opinions. As such, no answers are provided.

## Questions

- All shall give an account of themselves to God. (Romans 14:11-12)
  - O What would your life's account consist of?
  - Looking forward in time...is there an aspect of your life that could improve?
- Why did God design humans with an innate need to love and be loved—including the attributes to experience and express our love—which transcends all other living organisms?
- "Therefore the Lord said: 'Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me.'" Isaiah 29:13
  - O What does this reveal about God's character and what is important to Him?
  - O What does this reveal about the importance of the desires and attitude of our heart?
  - O Which do you think God is more interested in: the desires of our heart or our behavior?
- The lesson states the core difference between Christianity and all other religions is that Christianity is not based upon man seeking God (via works), but God seeking man.
  - o Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
  - Consider (Ephesians 2:8-9) and (John 15:16).
- $\odot$  The lesson states the Holy Spirit was at work in someone's life before they accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.
  - Can you identify examples of influential persons, things or events that occurred in your life that facilitated your decision to relinquish control of your life to Jesus?
  - O What was the spiritual impact of each type of influence?
  - o If the persons, things or events did not occur...would you know Jesus today?
- The lesson identifies 6 different ways to enhance our relationship with God: prayer, Bible study, fellowship, worship, reflect Jesus, and obey the Holy Spirit.

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- Are there additional ways to enhance our relationship with God?
- o Do your best to prioritize each from most important to least important.
- O Which one should you increase in your life?

More questions are on the next page.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" Matthew 7:21-23

- Jesus revealed many will attempt to plead their case to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but will be rejected.
  - o 3 examples were given by Jesus. Additional examples may include:
    - "I was baptized as an infant."
    - "I was a good person."
    - "I gave to charity."
    - "I sang in the church choir."
    - "I was raised by Christian parents."
      Can you think of additional examples of what someone may use to plead their case?
  - What will these persons not comprehend nor understand when they plead their case?
  - o Identify the 8 sequential words in the above scripture that will enable someone to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

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"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40

Referencing the above scripture, how would you describe the will of God for His human creation?

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