

CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY (C3) HOMEWORK

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



WARM UP

1. If you had spend the rest of your life indoors or in nature, which would you choose? Why?
2. What area of reasonable evidence has most strengthened your faith? Which has most challenged your faith?
 - a) Existence of God
 - b) Reliability of the Bible
 - c) The Life, Ministry, and Claims of Jesus
 - d) The Resurrection
 - e) Miracles
 - f) Other
3. Describe a time when you were challenged to give evidence for your faith.

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4. What was the most interesting thing you learned about the Resurrection? How could this knowledge help you answer objections you've heard before to Jesus rising from the dead?
5. Read Hebrews 11:3. We have been defining biblical trust as active faith based on reasonable evidence. Our faith examines all the evidence and accepts the best conclusion or explanation for those facts. Based on those definitions, how does Paul say our faith relates to God and creation?

What is Paul talking about when he says the things we see did not come from anything that can be seen?

6. Read Romans 1:18-21. What does this passage imply about everyone's knowledge of God?

a) Is there such thing as a true atheist (someone who honestly believes there is no God)?

b) How is God revealed apart from the Bible?

c) What specific things in creation would you point to that reveal God?

7. Read Heb 11:6 and John 17:3. The first step to pleasing God is understanding that "He is" or that He exists. After that, the highest aim of life according to Jesus is knowing God or diligently seeking Him. That implies that in order to please God, each of us has a duty to be a theologian [a person who studies God and his character]. What do you think about being a theologian? Have you ever considered that before?

How are you actively seeking God and growing in your theology?

8. Pastor Randy discussed reasonable evidence as a foundation for your faith and a guard against doubts. What part of Christianity or idea about God has caused you the most doubt or have you struggled to believe? If you have dealt with this doubt, how did you work through it?