

MY FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE ATHEIST

How To Walk with Loved Ones Through Unbelief

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AGENDA

- Approaching conversations with non-believers
 - Disclaimer: not everyone wants to have this conversation
 - The two things you need to know
 - The two things to you need to ask
 - The two things you need to do
- Common questions of non-believers
 - How do you know God exists?
 - How do you know the bible is reliable?
 - If God is good and all-powerful, why is there suffering in the world?
- Q&A

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 - Your story – why YOU believe (1 Peter 3:15)
 - His story (Rom 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9)
- Two things you need to ask (James 1:19)
 - Their story – get to know them – background, interests, spiritual journey
 - What they believe, and why
- Two things you need to do (1 John 3:18)
 - Be willing to research with them
 - Pray for them

COMMON QUESTIONS OF NON-BELIEVERS

- How do you know God exists?
 - The origin and design of the universe
 - The complexity, sophistication and order of life
 - Morality
- How do you know the Bible is reliable?
 - Quantity, quality and proximity of manuscripts
 - Internal evidence
 - External evidence
- If God is good and all-powerful, why is there suffering in the world?
 - God wants a loving relationship, love requires choice, and choice has consequences
 - God is patient
 - Ultimately, God ends evil and suffering
 - God suffered the most

Q&A