

# **Got Questions? Jesus Has The Answers! Volume I**



**Small Group Study Questions  
Or  
Personal Study Questions**



**PJ Bogoniewski**

“Keep on asking and you will be given what you ask for.

Keep on looking, and you will find.

Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened.

For everyone who asks, receives.

Everyone who seeks, finds.

And the door is opened to everyone who knocks.

---Jesus in Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

Notes on these study questions:

Everyone has questions about God, the Bible, and how to apply biblical truths into our daily lives. You probably have questions on your mind as you begin this study. That’s great! You should write them down. Perhaps they will be answered as you read this book.

As you go through this study it will probably raise more questions in your mind. That’s great! You should write them down. Perhaps they will be answered as you read this book.

As you talk with others about what you are reading in this book they too will probably have questions that come to their minds. That’s great! You should write them down. Perhaps they will be answered as you read this book.

If your questions aren’t answered as you read this book, then you should ask a spiritual mentor if they would be willing to meet with you to work through the questions with you. If they are questions that someone else has asked you, then be sure to get back with them to relay the answers you’ve found to them.

The first question in each of these Small Group, or Personal Study Questions is to be answered before you read the chapter. Then, the rest of the questions are to be answered after you read the chapter.

**Introduction**

**If a Christian commits suicide do they go to heaven or hell?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

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5. Do you know of others who would have agreed with the counselor's perspective: that someone who commits suicide cannot go to heaven, ever?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have you ever looked at life with a "Good vs Bad Scale" mentality? What were your reasons?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Offer your thoughts on PJ's Question-Asking Discipleship Methodology:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How well do you think that the discipleship model used by your church allows for questions to be asked and answered?

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9. Have you ever been part of a group that did a better job providing a platform for people to ask questions? What did that look like?

10. What changes do you think your church can make to offer a better platform for question asking and answering?

**Question 1**

**Why answer questions?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. In your life, have there been people who have been willing to sit with you to answer your questions about God? If so, who were they?
3. How instrumental were these Q/A times in your spiritual formation?
4. How much do you agree with the statement, "I've found that the Bible is 100% defensible?" Explain your answer:

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5. Have you experienced ministry opportunities (Sunday AM, Sunday school, small groups, etc.) that were based on a Q/A platform? How effective were they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Are there people you meet with so you can answer their questions about God? If so, who are they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How instrumental do they find these Q/A times in their spiritual formation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do you know of others who have abandoned their faith in Christ because their questions weren't answered? If so, who?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Did you make an effort to answer their questions? How were your efforts received?

10. Do you know if the non-Christians in your life today have any unanswered questions about God? If so, who?

11. What efforts have you made to answer their questions?



**Question 2**

**How can there be a loving God when there is so much pain and suffering in the world?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Has anyone ever asked you to answer this question for them? Tell the story:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. When in your life have you experienced the tension between defining consequences for someone, and then upholding those consequences?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How do you react when you see bad parenting take place in public? Tell a story:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do you respond differently when you see it happen in the family of a friend? How so?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Have you ever selfishly demanded something from God? What was it?

10. Have you ever made promises to God if He delivered on your requests? What were your promises?

11. How would you/have you explained the statement "Life isn't fair?"

**Question 3**

**Why Did God allow Adam and Eve to sin?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Have you been in a relationship where love was demanded, instead of being offered and sought out?
  
6. How do you feel when you find out that someone is being kind to you because they *have to* – even though they don't really want to?
  
7. Can you tell a story of a time where you wished you could go back to a “time of innocence” – before you knew that something was going to turn out badly for you?
  
8. Expound on this concept that parents do a good thing for their children when they protect them from the knowledge of evil. When do you think it's good for them to expose their children to the evil in the world? Why then?

**Question 4**

**If God knew that Adam and Eve would disobey Him  
then why did He create them in the first place?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?



10. What do you see parents do in the relationship with their children that hinder the possibility of having the best possible relationships with their children when they are older?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What do you think that children do to hinder the possibility of having a good relationship with their parents in the future?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Discuss the role that grace plays on the part of parents – and on the part of children – when mistakes are made and forgiveness is eventually sought.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. How does this grace that we offer mirror the grace that God offers us?



**Question 5**

**Can you explain the Trinity?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Which of these false analogies have you used in the past?
  
6. What other analogies have you used to try to explain the Trinity?
  
7. Are you okay with not being able to wrap your mind around the concept of the Trinity? Why or why not?
  
8. Why do you think that it's hard for us to admit that we cannot figure out something like the Trinity and have to accept it on faith?
  
9. Which of the members of the Trinity do you best connect with and why?

**Question 6**

**Is Jesus Christ the only way to get to God in heaven  
or is salvation found through other religions?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. In your own life, have you wrestled with the concept that there is only “One Way?” How so?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have you encountered anyone who holds the view of relative truth? Who?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Assuming that you have an absolute truth mindset, how frustrated are you as you talk with them about spiritual things? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Have you heard the wagon wheel metaphor before? Share your thoughts on it.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Have you seen any false theology seep into the belief structure of Christians around you? How so?

10. Look at the Wikipedia pages for the six main religions of the world. Taking into consideration at least one of the questions about faith, comment on the differences you see there.

11. Have you ever talked with people who believe that all of the religions of the world are the same? What are their arguments?

12. How have you explained that they aren't?

13. How does this information spur you onto share the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ?

**Question 7**

**How can we tell if a religion is true or false?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Have you met others who think that Jesus Christ was nothing more than just a good guy? What was your reply?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have you met others who believe that Jesus Christ was a fictional character in history? What was your reply?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Is it possible for someone to find Jesus for salvation if they don't believe He is God? Explain your answer:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What denominations have you been a part of in your life? Talk about the strengths you've experienced in each of them.

If a denomination is defined as:

- Beliefs we hold.
- A mission we share.
- Relationships we value.

9. What are the beliefs that your denomination/church holds that separate it from others?

10. What is the mission you share that separates your denomination from others?

11. What benefits have you gained as you have developed friendship with those of other denominations?

12. In most cities, the churches see each other as competition. What do you think could be done for them to see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ rather than competition?



**Question 8**

**Are Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons Christians?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Before today, did you think that Jehovah's Witnesses and/or Mormons were Christians?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have they knocked on your door? What is your response when they do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Ponder the thought that the founding of Christianity happened in public, but the founding of both of these religions was done in very secretive ways. How does this contrast cause you to embrace one and distrust another?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How do you think that someone should respond to a person who thinks they know the day that Christ will return? Have you talked to anyone who claims they know the day Christ will return?

9. Respond to the thought that both Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons say they should be Christians because they believe that “part of their salvation” is based on a belief in Jesus – even though that belief is based on a false view of Him. Do you agree or disagree with them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Is there room in your own theology for more than one religion to be right?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Is it possible for there to be multiple gods? Multiple heavens? Multiple options for eternity?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. How does your answer to the above question spur you on to share the Gospel Message?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. If it does, you should pray about who you can share that message with each day of your life! Who does the Lord bring to mind?

**Question 9**

**How can we know that the Bible contains the truth?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

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5. Do you have a letter that you treat as something precious to you? What do you do to protect it?
  
6. What process would you follow if you had to make a handwritten copy of it?
  
7. What aspect of how well the Jews preserved and copied Scripture gives you the most confidence as you read and study your Bible? Why?
  
8. What is your favorite translation of the Bible to use? Why?
  
9. What is your favorite paraphrase of the Bible to read? Why?



**Question 10**

**How Do I read and Study the Bible?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. Put the difference between reading and studying the Bible into your own words.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Were you familiar with the terms Exegesis, Hermeneutics, and Eisegesis before you read this chapter? If yes, how did you learn about them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Talk about the difficulty we find when we put Exegesis and Hermeneutics in the wrong order.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Are these things that you've been guilty of in the past? How so?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Is there a time when you learned that you had built an area of your faith on false doctrine, and everything came tumbling down like a house of cards? Elaborate.



10. Have you been guilty of Eisegesis? How so?

11. Which of the “tough teachings of Jesus” is the most difficult for you? Why?

12. Have you ever done anything like the reading plans that PJ suggests in this chapter? Tell the story.  
What was the spiritual benefit?

13. Do you have a Study Bible? Which one do you use? Why?

14. Have you ever read the New Testament in a month/week/day? What is keeping you from doing this?



**Question 11**

**How do we know that Jesus Christ is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

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5. Have you ever read “Evidence that Demands a Verdict,” “More than a Carpenter,” or “The Case For Faith?” What were your impressions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What thoughts come to mind when you ponder the odds that any one person could fulfill just 8 of the dozens of prophecies concerning the Messiah?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Does this prove that Jesus is the Messiah in your own mind? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Respond to Stoner’s conclusion that, “Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact, proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world.”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How does this statement impact, or could impact, your conversations with those who don’t know Christ?

**Question 12**

**How can I have an intimate relationship with God?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being “casual” and 10 being “very intimate,” rate your level of intimacy with Christ. How happy are you with your answer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. With what person do you have the most intimate relationship with?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What have you done to develop that intimacy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What level of investment have you made to develop that intimacy? What has it cost you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What Bible character do you think had the most intimate relationship with God? What have they done to achieve it?

10. What Bible character do you think had the same level of intimacy that you currently have with God? Why?

11. List the ways you spend time with God in your typical day in an effort to determine how much time you spend with Him on any given day: How much time do you come up with?

12. Have you ever done a time inventory of your day? If not, why not do one today or tomorrow?

13. List the four things that took up the most time in your day.

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14. What are your observations on what these things say about your priorities?

15. What steps can you take to develop more intimacy with God?

16. Which will you do this week? How will you accomplish them?

17. Is there someone who can hold you accountable to do them? Who can you ask?



**Question 13**

**What does it mean to have a biblical worldview?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. What is your worldview? Put it into your own words:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Do you feel that you're able to make important decisions about life with the confidence that you're following the Lord's will for your life? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How do we find out what Jesus said and did?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do you have a story of someone making a poor choice, yet thinking that God was giving them permission to make that choice?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Have you ever talked with a skeptic that WOULDN'T accept any proof that God was at work in their lives? Tell the story:

10. In what areas of your life does your biblical worldview come in direct contact with American culture?  
Give examples:

11. How satisfied are you with how well developed your biblical worldview is?

12. What steps are you willing to take to allow the Holy Spirit to further develop your biblical worldview?

**Question 14**

**Where do you see the Trinity in Scripture?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. How familiar are you with the term “Christophanies?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is your favorite story of Jesus interacting with people in the Old Testament?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. As you read through Scripture do you notice the role of each part of the Trinity? Do you look for each of them in each story? How does their interaction with mankind matter to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What’s your favorite biblical account of the work of the Holy Spirit? Why?

9. What's your favorite biblical account of the work of the Father? Why?

10. What's your favorite biblical account of the work of Jesus? Why?

11. How does the baptism of Jesus refute the modalistic theory of the Trinity?

**Question 15**

**How can I know God's will for my life?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. How many times have you sought God's will for your life? What were you seeking?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Are you more inclined to look for His will when you're making big decisions or do you seek it in every area of your life every day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Can you relate to the statement, "Most people neglect abiding by His general will because they're really only looking for God's specific will for our lives?"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Why do you think that we want to hear His specific will?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Have you sought God's will for any of the areas that PJ has mentioned? If yes, tell your process for seeking His will.



10. Did you find His will? If so, how confident are you that you're following His will?

11. Do you have a good spiritual mentor in your life? If yes, how often do you meet with them? How beneficial is your time together?

12. Have you read "Experiencing God" by Blackaby? If yes, how did it impact on your walk with Christ?

13. Are there other books you've read that have helped you learn to discern the will of God for your life? Which ones?

**Question 16**

**Why can't I go deeper with God when I want to?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

5. How many times have you sought a deeper relationship with the Lord?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. While most of us seek a deeper walk with Christ on a regular basis, the times that we take large strides in our relationship with Him result in some pretty significant life changes. What life changes have you experienced as a result of a deeper walk with Him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. How well do you understand the Holy Spirit's work of sanctification in your life? Where do you see Him working in your life?

8. If sanctification be defined as “God setting you aside for His holy purposes,” how do you see God setting you aside and has He revealed His purposes?

9. What future work do you think He is preparing you for?

10. What barriers are keeping you from following His leading in these areas?

**Question 17**

**How do I hear the voice of God speaking in my life?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?



8. Are there other ways that God has spoken to you in your life? How so?

Spend at least one session in listening prayer. Then answer the following questions:

9. How hard was it for you to set this hour aside?

10. How hard was it for you to sit still before the Lord?

11. What did you hear the Lord say to you during your time of prayer?

12. Test what you heard from the Lord!

- Does it match what you read in Scripture?
- Do spiritual mentors affirm that it is from God?
- Does it exalt Jesus Christ?
- Does it produce good fruit?
- Does Jesus Christ bring it pass?

13. What barriers to hearing the Voice of God have you identified in your life?

14. What can you do to free up more time to spend in listening prayer on a regular basis?



**Question 18**

**What if there is no God?**

BEFORE you read this chapter:

1. How would you answer this question?



AFTER you read this chapter:

2. How close was your original answer to the one that PJ presented?
3. Do you have any major points of disagreement with PJ's answer?
4. What Scriptural evidence could you add to the ones PJ presented?

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5. Have you considered Pascal's Wager? What are your thoughts:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Have you investigated faith in Jesus Christ? What was your process? What was the result of your search?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Had you previously heard the story of Josh McDowell, C.S. Lewis, or Lee Strobel? Any thoughts on their journeys?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Do you know of other atheists who have found Christ after completing an honest investigation of His claims? Name them:

9. Have you ever been challenged by someone who says there is no God, the Bible cannot be substantiated, or that another religion contains the truth? Tell the story:

10. Where are you on your faith journey?

11. What do you think your next steps are?

12. What is keeping you from taking those next steps?

### **Got More Questions?**

You've just finished reading this book answering some questions about God, faith, the Bible, and how to apply these things into your life. I hope that you have been able to learn more about Jesus Christ, Scripture, and how to apply biblical truths into your life. I pray that the Holy Spirit has been speaking to you through this book and that He will continue to speak to you as you ponder what you have read.

Before you started reading this book I'm sure you had questions about God. I hope this writing has helped answer some of the questions you had.

After reading this book I'm sure that you still have questions.

I've already begun work on Volume II of this series. I have over 100 more questions that people have asked me. I'll try to tackle about 20 more of them in the next volume.

If you want to share your questions, you can find me on Facebook and send me your questions through a message there or send an email to [actsoflight@actsoflight.com](mailto:actsoflight@actsoflight.com). I'd love to help you find the answers to the questions you have!