

Supplementary Questions That Can Be Used While Sharing the “Guide to Eternal Life”

Part 1: The Path to Eternal Life

1. How many ways are there to heaven?
 - What is the one way to get to heaven?
 - How much do you think about heaven?
 - Could you still get to heaven even if you aren't on the one way?
 - Do you want to learn about Jesus and have eternal life through Him?
 - What questions do you have?

2. In addition to eternal life in heaven, what kind of life does Jesus promise us on earth?
 - What are some of the characteristics of the abundant spiritual life that Jesus wants to give you? (Love, joy, peace, hope, etc)
 - Is there one particular item of the abundant life that is especially applicable to you?
 - Is it your intention to do what it takes to have the abundant life through Him?
 - What questions do you have?

3. What is your guide to spiritual life?
 - How much scripture is inspired by God?
 - How many good works do the Scriptures equip us for?
 - How adequate are the Scriptures for your spiritual guidance?
 - Are you going to follow the Bible as your complete guide to spiritual life?
 - What other questions do you have?

4. Which part of the Bible should we follow today?
 - In what way is the New Testament better than the Old?
 - What are some of the better promises of the New Testament?
 - How will “all know the Lord” under the New Covenant?
 - Is it your intentions to follow Jesus according to the teachings of His New Testament?
 - What other questions do you have?

5. How important is it for you to be on the right spiritual path?
 - Which path do you want to be on?
 - Which path do you believe you are on right now?
 - If there are steps you need to take to get onto the narrow way, are you prepared to take those steps?
 - How would it feel to be one of those people that Jesus rejects?
 - What are you going to do so that Jesus won't reject you?
 - What other questions do you have?

6. On what basis is eternal life given through Jesus Christ?
 - What is grace?
 - What kind of faith do we need to accept God's gift of eternal life? Are you going to exercise an obedient faith in accepting the gift of salvation?
 - What other question do you have?

Part 2: Stepping onto the Path to Eternal Life

1. What is the first step of faith in accepting God's gift of eternal life through Jesus?

- In what ways has God shown you how much He loves you?
- Do you love God?
- Do you believe in Jesus?
- Who is Jesus?
- What is the significance of Jesus being the Son of God?
- What questions do you have?

2. What did Jesus do to make it possible for you to have everlasting life with God in heaven?

- How can Jesus' dying on a cross 2,000 years ago make it possible for you to have eternal life in heaven today?
- How many people did Jesus die for?
- For whose sin did Jesus die?
- Did Jesus die for you?
- How much do you love Jesus?
- What questions do you have?

3. What is the second step of faith?

- What is repentance?
- What specific sins are you guilty of?
- How bad does it make you feel when you realize that your sins nailed Jesus to the cross?
- What would happen to you if God didn't forgive your sins?
- What are some of the good things that God has given you in your life?
- How grateful are you to God for giving these things to you?
- Do these considerations motivate you to repent of your sins?
- What questions do you have?

4. What is the third step of faith?

- What two conditions for salvation does Paul give in these verses?
- Could a person be saved if he wouldn't believe?
- What about if he wouldn't confess?
- What exactly is confession?
- Are you going to acknowledge Jesus as your Lord?
- What questions do you have?

5. What is the fourth step of faith?

- Summarize for me what a person needs to do to be saved.
- If a person doesn't believe, can he be saved?
- If a person won't be baptized, can he be saved?
- How many kinds of baptisms are valid?
- What questions do you have?

6. What is the purpose of baptism?

- How does the Bible itself express the purpose of baptism?
- How important is it to do Bible thinks for the same reason that the Bible gives?
- What do you have to do to get your sins forgiven?
- What questions do you have?

7. Is the one valid baptism for today sprinkling or immersion?

- If a person hasn't been immersed for the forgiveness of their sins, have they really received the one baptism of the Bible?

8. Who should be baptized?

- Why does God require a burial in water as the final step of salvation?
- How does baptism represent the saving act of Jesus?
- Can you walk in newness of life if you have not been buried with Jesus in the waters of baptism?
- Is it your intention, at the appropriate time, to be immersed for the forgiveness of your sins?

Part 3: The Church

1. To what church does the Lord add people when they are baptized?

- Does Jesus want you to be a member of His church, or some man's church?
- Could you be a member of some man's church and still go to heaven?
- Are you going to let the Lord add you to His church?
- What questions do you have?

2. Who is the head of the church?

- How many heads should the church have?
- What problems would a church have if it had more than one head?
- How would you know if Jesus was really the head of a church?
- Could you be a part of any church that had a head other than Jesus?
- What questions do you have?

3. In whose name should all things be done in the church?

- What does the expression "in the name of" mean?
- Would you be honoring Christ, or doing all in His name, if you called yourself religiously after anyone but Christ?
- Could you be a part of a church not doing all in Jesus' name, and still go to heaven?
- Do you want to be a Christian only, and a member of Christ's church only?
- What questions do you have?

4. Does Jesus want His followers to be united or divided?

- Jesus wants unity, but what do we see in the religious world today?
- What are the names of some common religious divisions today?
- Does Jesus approve of all the divisions, or does He wasn't His followers to be united in His body, with Himself as the head, and His followers called only by His name?

- Do you want to be a part of Jesus' united body and follow His word as your only spiritual authority?
- What questions do you have?

Part 4: Worship in Spirit and in Truth

1. What does Jesus want members of His church to do regularly?
 - How much does God desire to be worshiped?
 - What does it mean to worship in spirit and in truth?
 - What additional benefit do we receive when we assemble together?
 - Is it your intention to assemble with Christ's church to worship in spirit and truth?

2. How does Jesus want Christians to remember Him when they assemble with His church?
 - What are the two items that Jesus specified for the Lord's Supper?
 - What questions do you have?

3. On which day of the week should Christians partake of the Lord's Supper?
 - Would anything be wrong with having the Lord's Supper on Thursday?
 - Are you going to assemble with Christ's church, receive spiritual instruction, and partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week?
 - What questions do you have?

4. What other acts of worship and sacrifice should Christians offer in the Lord's Day assembly?
 - How much should you contribute on the first day of the week?
 - What kind of attitude should you have as you give?
 - Is it your intention to contribute financially to the Lord's work on the first day of the week?
 - What questions do you have?

5. What else should Christians do together when they assemble?
 - How does God answer prayer?
 - Are you going to join in prayer with Christ's church in the Lord's Day assembly?
 - What questions do you have?

6. What other expressions of praise and mutual encouragement do Christians offer to God in the church?
 - What does it mean to sing from the heart?
 - God specifies vocal music. Does that make instrumental music wrong?
 - Are you going to sing praise to God from the heart in the assembly of His church?
 - What questions do you have?

7. How important is it to worship God from the heart in the way that He desires?
 - What does it mean for worship to be vain?
 - How can we be sure that our worship is acceptable to God?
 - Do you intend to worship God according to His word?

- What questions do you have?

Part 5: Continuing Faithfully with Jesus

1. What should be your spiritual food as you walk with Jesus on the narrow way that leads to eternal life?

- How does a skilled craftsman become proficient in the use of his tools? How can you become competent in the use of the Bible?
- Do you intend to grow spiritually through the study of God's word every day?
- What questions do you have?

2. What kind of life does the Lord want you to live as you walk the narrow way?

- What does self-controlled mean?
- What is godliness?
- What areas of your life do you need to be more self-controlled in?
- How many of His commands does Jesus want you to follow?
- Is it your intention to live a godly life of obedience to Jesus?
- What questions do you have?

3. What is the cost of following Jesus?

- What does it mean to love Jesus more than mother or father?
- What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?
- How can you find your life and lose it, or lose it and find it?
- What would you do if a family member tried to stop you from following Jesus?
- If a religious leader told you something different from what Jesus says, who would be right?
- What are you going to tell your family after you've been baptized into Christ?
- Are you going to follow Jesus at all costs?
- What questions do you have?

4. How long should you follow Jesus?

- What does it mean to be faithful until death?
- If a person doesn't remain faithful until death, will they still receive eternal life?
- Are you going to keep walking the narrow way until the day you die?
- What questions do you have?

5. When should you begin following Jesus and start receiving His blessings?

- When is the acceptable time?
- How long did Paul wait?
- Are you ready?
- If not now, when?
- If you know God's will, when should you do it?
- How do you know you'll ever get another chance?
- Do you really love Jesus if you don't obey Him?

Preparation for Baptism

When a candidate for baptism is brought to the church building, it is a good idea for the minister or one of the elders to sit down with them for a few moments to make sure they fully understand the step they are taking. They can be asked questions such as, “Why do you want to obey Jesus at this time?”, “What does repentance mean to you?”, “What exactly does Jesus want you to do to get your sins forgiven?”, “How does God want to be worshiped?”, “How are you going to let your faith grow after you’ve become a Christian?”, and “Are you sure this is what you really want to do?”