

Lesson 55: Faith in Action VI – Standing Strong in Our Faith

(Note 1: This Faith in Action exercise works best as a workshop. Please allow more time for meaningful discussion. Recommended time: three hours.

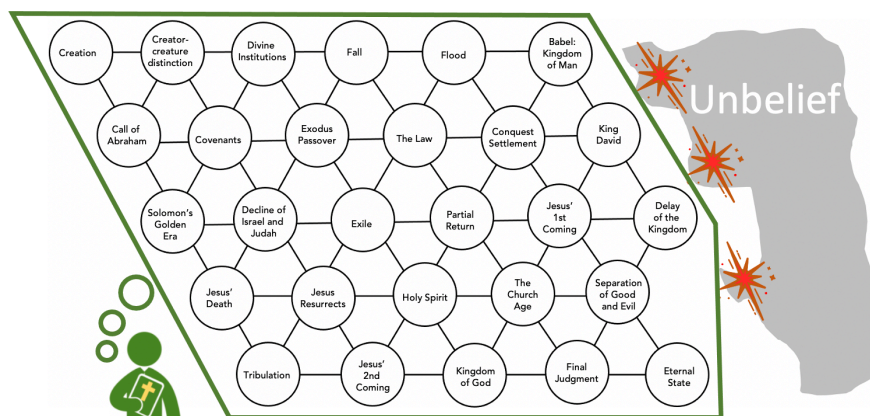
Note 2: For this exercise, please have all the lesson notes handy so that you can refer to them.)

Three Desired Outcomes

We began this series by highlighting three desired outcomes:

1. To learn that God is all-loving, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-glorious, all-merciful, all-gracious and all-sovereign so that we will **grow deeper in love and faith towards God**. He is the hero of the Bible.
2. To learn the sovereignty of God, and that world history is a continuous unfolding of His plans. We want to be confident in God’s control of where this world is headed so that we will always **have hope and joy even in times of difficulty and confusion**.
3. To be able to see the difference between the biblical and pagan worldviews, so that we can **discern the deceptions** that the pagan worldview promotes. We want to be able to **arm ourselves with biblical responses to the issues of today’s world**.

In the two previous “Faith in Action” lessons, we interlocked biblical events and their related truths together to build a biblical framework that we then used to evaluate “biblical” statements (Lesson 53) and also ideas and criticisms that come from the pagan worldview (Lesson 54).

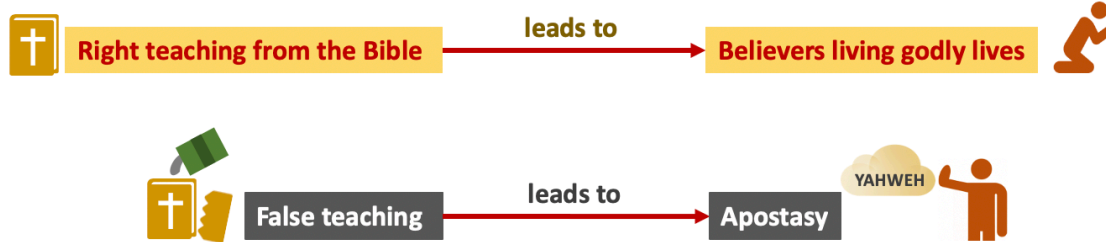


Doing these Faith in Action reviews trains us to:

- check that we are not holding onto contradictory beliefs without even knowing it.
- think and be intentional before casually accepting ideas and thoughts into our worldview.

Together, these exercises help guard us against incorrect teaching.

This is important because the type of teaching we accept directly impacts our faith and how we live our Christian lives (Titus 2:1, 3:4–8; Jude 3–4).



Ultimately, this series is not about building Bible knowledge in our heads. Rather, everything we have covered—Yahweh’s history and truth, His promises and His track record of dealing with mankind—is to help us worship Him by living godly lives.

It is also to help us live a Christian life filled with stability, gratitude, understanding and love for who God is, what He has done and what He continues to do for us. It is to help us worship Him in everything that we do each day—to be a living and holy sacrifice.

Romans 12:1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Another purpose is for us to build a holistic picture of God’s Word. We want a whole-picture view of Scripture rather than just a collection of random and seemingly unconnected truths. We want God’s understanding of the world so that we can have strong faith to face life’s challenges.

This is so important because we know that as church-age believers, we face many potential pitfalls. The Bible warns us that:

- the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, waiting to devour our faith (1 Peter 5:8).
- we are surrounded by fake Christians, false teachers and deceptive teaching (2 Peter 2:1–2; Jude 3–4).
- we will face persecution and challenges against our faith by loved ones and society (John 15:20a).



Watching Jesus face temptation by the devil (Matthew 4:1–11) and watching Him respond to people (Matthew 19:3–6), we see that Jesus used Scriptures extensively! He knew His Scriptures well and used it effectively to defend Himself against temptation and false teaching.



Are we able to do the same?

Sometimes, in our Christian life, our own worst enemy can be ourselves. When we are not familiar enough with our Bible, we can fall into temptation as well as end up believing false teaching. This often leads us to a crisis of faith where our faith is shaken and pummelled.



When we are challenged by a faith issue there are two possible outcomes:

- **Best-case scenario:** we have been diligently studying out the Bible on a regular basis and have come to a good understanding of the truth. Then along comes an issue that shakes up our faith. But because we know the Scriptures well, we can study God's Word, reason it out and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we overcome the issue and it actually ends up strengthening our faith.

Just as the Holy Spirit used heresies to mature the church, He can also use false teachings to force us to grow. We grow in wisdom, trust and confidence in God and in our walk with Him.



- **Worst-case scenario:** we are told a lie or a false teaching and we don't bother researching for the correct biblical understanding. Or worse, we treat the issue as unimportant. What will happen is that this issue weakens our faith or leads us down a wrong path. And the next issue weakens us further.

Over time, our understanding of God's character and His plans for the world history become more and more muddled and confused. This will affect how we live and how we choose to spend our time, energy and resources. It will affect the life decisions we make and it will affect what we teach our children, our small groups and others. In other words, there are major consequences for being lazy about studying God's Word.



We don't want the worst-case scenario to happen to us. So, we will review some of the content we have learnt in this series through this final Faith in Action exercise.

Standing Strong in my Faith Using the Biblical Framework

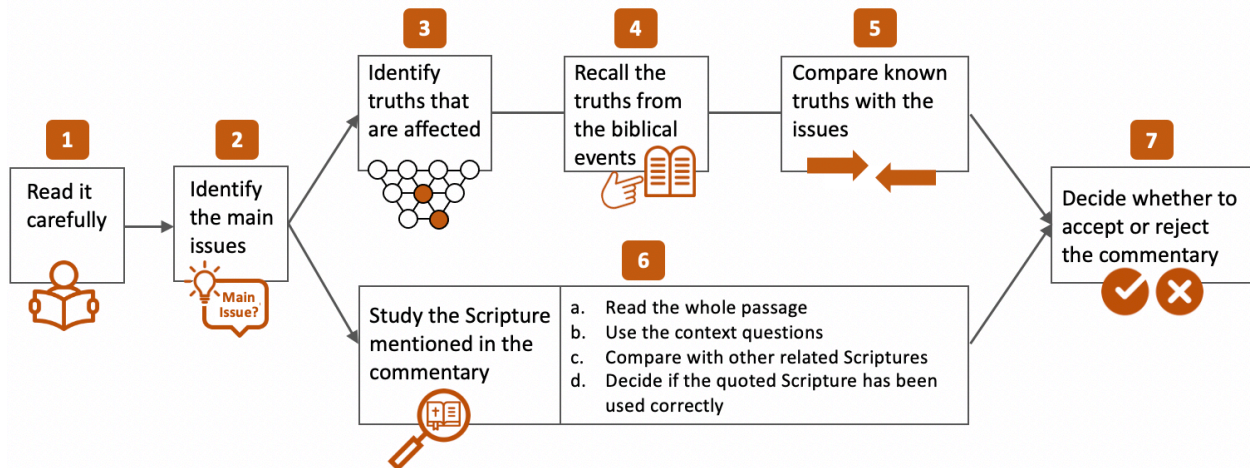
In the following pages is a list of 55 challenge statements, arguments and questions that we might encounter in everyday life.

Some have been deliberately phrased to be confrontational in an attempt to rattle our faith and our understanding of the Bible.

However, we have covered enough biblical content in this series to be able to give a reasonable response to each of them. This means we can review the lessons and the Scripture we have covered to form a biblical response to each challenge statement.

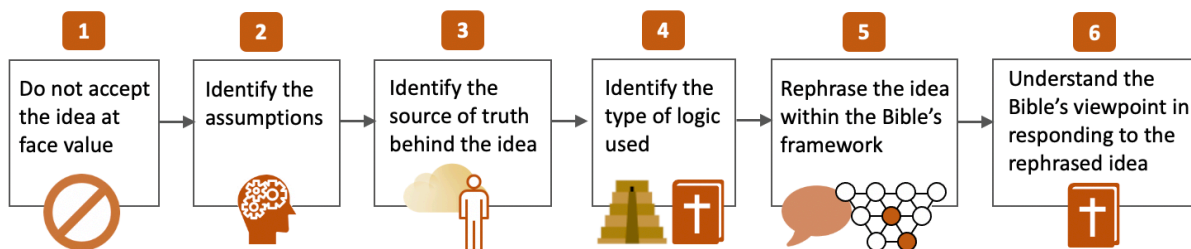
For the challenge statements that appear “biblical”, we might find the following evaluation approach helpful.

Evaluating “Biblical” Statements and Commentary



Other statements are clearly from the pagan worldview, so this other approach will be more helpful.

Evaluating Pagan Statements and Commentary



Instructions

There are two parts to this final Faith in Action exercise.

Part 1: In class

The class will be divided into smaller discussion groups. Each group will sit together to discuss the challenge statements assigned to them or chosen by them.



Each discussion group will attempt at least four challenge statements: two from the New Testament section (#1–24) and two from the Old Testament section (#25–55). Your group may attempt more if there is time.

At the close of the discussion time, rather than each group presenting a summary of their discussions, we will talk about the experience of the Faith in Action exercise itself.

Part 2: At home

This Faith in Action exercise has been specifically designed so that you can use the questions to help you review the content of Interlocked in your own Bible study time at home. The reason why there are 55 statements is because these statements guide you to review all the lessons from Genesis to Revelation.



In doing this at home, it is probably best to attempt only one statement at each sitting. Take your time to review especially the Bible passages that would be most helpful in addressing the statement. (In the Appendix starting on page 16, each statement comes with hints on which lessons to refer to for guidance.)

You may also choose to do this exercise with others who have also completed Interlocked with you.

Steps to handle each challenge statement

1. Read the challenge statement carefully.
2. Decide which approach to use, that is, either the one for biblical or pagan statements.
3. Be very careful that the discussion does not become based on opinions or on subjective experiences. The exercise is focused on determining what the Bible teaches.
4. Pull together the biblical data to form a response.

Notes

- The appendix (pages 16–19) is a guide showing which lessons contain relevant biblical events and truths for the challenge statement you are addressing.
- Attempt the remaining challenge statements as your own Faith in Action practice at home.

The Challenge Statements

New Testament

1. Your reasoning is so illogical. How can you say that your God is fully God and fully man at the same time? Anyone who knows anything knows that a person is either God or man, not both.
2. You say that your Bible has many prophecies and you know your God will fulfil them. But your God is cheating. If He gave a prophecy that would happen thousands of years later, how would the people He gave the prophecies to know if He's telling the truth? They have no way to verify if the prophecy came true!
3. Why must you insist on the virgin birth of Jesus? Why does it matter? What consequences does that have to your faith anyway?
4. The way the Trinity works is like a pregnancy. In the first "trimester", the Father was most active. Then in the second "trimester", Jesus did His work. In this church age, it's the third "trimester", so the most important Person is the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we must focus on the Holy Spirit now. The Father and the Son have handed over the baton to Him.
5. Ephesians 5:1–2 says, "Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ." But how are we supposed to "imitate" Jesus? He is God and I am human. Is God just setting us up for failure by asking us to be like Jesus?
6. Your God is such a brutal and bloody God. Your Bible is full of the killing of animals. According to you, He even killed His own Son on the cross. Why is all this killing and blood necessary?
7. You Christians call the God that the Jews worship, Yahweh. You say that you also worship Yahweh. Yet you insist that the Jews must believe in Jesus. Why? Why isn't it enough that they believe in Yahweh?
8. If your God is a God of love, how can He be so cruel and send people to their eternal death?
9. With regards to being saved from eternal death, who decides? Does God get to decide for me? Or do I get to decide? Which is it?
10. Why do you Christians insist on the resurrection? There have been so many different medical stories about people who have died and then came back to life again. So what if Jesus came back to life again? How is Jesus coming back to life any different from these other stories?

11. God has a “standard of measure” for all Christians that we can’t see. Only if we live good lives, then He will actually save us from eternal death. Otherwise, He will say we were never really Christians. But I don’t know what “good” really means. I may look good in my own eyes, doing all the right things like going to church, reading my Bible and praying. But I never really know if I’ve been good enough as a Christian that I will actually “make it”.
12. Saving man from eternal death is God’s ultimate purpose for the world and for life.
13. Heaven is going to be great. Everyone is happy and everyone will be equal. It will be like the perfect communist state. So I don’t understand why some Christians work so hard to do good and be good. The Bible already says there’s no need to work for our justification.
14. There is no such thing as the rapture. What you call the rapture is just the second coming of Christ. They are one and the same.
15. You say your Jesus came and died to save people and He is ruling the world now. But if you take a look at the messy world today, I can’t see how you can say that. If this is what is meant by your God ruling, then He must not be a good nor powerful God at all. Seems more like He’s quite useless and weak.
16. Sometimes I wake up in the morning and I wonder if the Holy Spirit is still inside me. Even though I’m a Christian, I’m just so afraid that the Holy Spirit will leave me just like He left King Saul. And then I wonder, if that happens, does it mean I’m no longer a Christian?
17. Have you been baptised by the Holy Spirit? Every Christian must be baptised by the Holy Spirit. This is not the same as becoming a Christian. You must pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to come inside you. So not all Christians are baptised by the Holy Spirit. Only some are.
18. When we study the book of Acts, we learn so much about how we should live as a church today. We should try to follow what the early church did as much as possible. In fact, that is why I believe that unless the Holy Spirit comes on people in a dramatic way and then they speak in tongues, they are not fully Christians.
19. I find things like the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed so weird. I feel it’s almost like something we are taught to “chant”. In Matthew 6:7, Jesus says we shouldn’t “babble on and on as the Gentiles do”. And I find these written things just that: babbling. I think the modern church needs to do away with them.
20. The church has replaced Israel. God is no longer concerned about Israel because they have been so rebellious. God is now only concerned about the church.
21. All this talk about the end times and Revelation often ends up with Christians arguing and fighting. It really doesn’t matter. There is only one thing we need to know: it all pans out in the end. So we shouldn’t bother ourselves with all the details of the end.
22. I don’t believe the book of Revelation can be understood. So regular Christians like you and me who are not professors in a Bible college should just leave it well alone. It’s not meant for us.

23. I believe that what God said in the Old Testament is true, all the miracles that the prophets did and everything. But Revelation seems so incredible to me. I think it must all be just metaphorical. I don't think it will actually happen the way we are reading it. It must be talking about spiritual things.
24. I believe that if only people get to hear about Jesus, they would come to believe in Him. So I think that if there are unbelievers in this world, it is entirely the fault of the church and Christians for not spreading the gospel.

Old Testament

25. If you say your God can do anything, then it means your God can lie. So then how do you know He's telling the truth?
26. Any social institution like marriage and family are man-made and so they should evolve with society's changing expectations and the wants and needs of people.
27. There are so many different worldviews out there aside from the Bible. How do you know that one of the others is not more correct?
28. This world is full of evil and wrong. This is the way the world has always been and this is how it will always be.
29. All this about evolution versus creation, scientific theories versus faith, and more, just make people mad. These things are not important at all. All that is important is the gospel, so we shouldn't waste our time, effort and energy on what always ends up in meaningless arguments.
30. There is no such thing as the global flood and there is definitely no such thing as the final judgment. If the world will end, it will be because mankind nukes itself.
31. I think every country in the world should get rid of capital punishment. It is cruel and barbaric. It is a leftover from a less civilised age.
32. Globalisation is good. In fact, anything that divides people like race is a bad thing. People all over the world should be equal and it would benefit everyone if all people had access to all the resources of the world. A good global government will be able to solve many of mankind's problems.
33. Why would God want to make a covenant with Abraham? Isn't that discriminatory and unfair? Why choose one man to make promises to and not make it equally available to all mankind?
34. I used to go to church. Then I realised there are so many contradictions in the Bible. For example, the Bible can't even get right how people are justified. The apostle Paul talks so much about faith, but the book of James talks about works. This is such an important matter, but even then, there is no agreement among biblical writers!

35. If the world had perfect governments, then mankind can be happy and fulfilled and live well. The problems in our world today are largely due to poor governments.
36. When people die, we all go to the same place. After death, there is no difference between rich and poor, important and unimportant, etc. We all end up in heaven.
37. If you obey God, then He will save you. If you disobey God, He will not save you. You have to always listen to Him first before you can be saved.
38. Man is intelligent, smart and good enough to create our own laws. We know best how people thrive and what we need and want.
39. The Mosaic Law is important. All real Christians today should strive to live by the Mosaic Law.
40. God speaks to people from every generation. In the Old and New Testaments, the prophets recorded down what God told the people. And today, God continues to speak and give us new information.
41. Have you ever read the account of the period of the conquest in the Bible? It's horrific! How can you worship a God who commands such bloody wars, hatred and intolerance?
42. Because we are Christians, it is fine when we do what we think is right. We know enough to know the difference between right and wrong.
43. A lot of the modern Christian books today are very useful in helping us grow spiritually. They give great advice and secrets to growing fast and well spiritually. The Bible doesn't really talk about any of these modern methods, so we need to learn these new techniques if we want to grow well.
44. When you are a Christian and have a lot of faith, God will give you a peaceful and pain-free life. Only those who lack faith are the ones who will suffer in this life.
45. How can God call David a model king when he committed adultery and murder? What aspect of David is so admirable that we should learn from him?
46. I don't know why some Christians are so discriminatory. I heard that some refuse to let their children marry non-Christians. Actually, so many non-Christians are even better people than Christians!
47. If an angel of God appears before our faces today, we should do what he says! It's obvious that God wants us to pay attention to him if He uses such unusual measures to get our attention!
48. The books of the prophets in the Bible are so boring and irrelevant today. It's either about prophecies that have already happened or things that don't concern us at all.

49. History is all about the survival of the fittest. The superpower of the world is the one with the best weapons, smartest governments and sometimes, the most vicious behaviours. In ancient times, we saw how Assyria and Babylon enslaved Israel. Israel had no power to defend against them at all.
50. As Christians, we need to reject and fight everything in the non-Christian world. What's more, we need to focus on our own mandate to make the world more Christian.
51. As responsible Christian parents, we must shield our children from unchristian influences that will destroy their faith.
52. If we already know God's will about something, there is really no point in praying differently. God will do what He will do and we can't do anything about it.
53. The Bible in the original languages is the true Bible. Translations should not be treated like the actual Bible.
54. While God made covenants with Israel like the Abrahamic, Mosaic and Davidic, the New Covenant was made with the church. The New Covenant belongs to the church.
55. The phrase "Kingdom of God" just refers to something spiritual. So the Kingdom of God is actually about Jesus ruling in our hearts.

Closing Thoughts

We have spent a great deal of time learning about God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation in order to build an interlocked network of truth that we can use as the foundation of our lives. This framework is built upon the truths that Yahweh, the Creator-God, has revealed to mankind.

We should continue to study God’s Word diligently and continue building out the framework by fitting in all the other events in the Bible that we did not directly study in the series. To do that, here are six final thoughts.

1. Fix our gaze on what God has revealed about the future

In order for us to not only survive but thrive, Paul tells us to focus on what God has revealed about the coming future. Truths like:

- Our bodily resurrection
- The coming Kingdom of God
- Reigning with Christ
- Enjoying a renewed earth
- Enjoying Jesus’ face-to-face presence
- And so much more...



These are coming realities that we cannot see at the moment, but we know are coming because God has told us these truths in Scripture. Keeping our minds fixed on these things helps us to overcome everyday temptations, setbacks, failures, broken relationships, disappointments, discouragements, trials and sufferings (both physical and mental).

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

¹⁸ So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Paul says our “present troubles are small and won’t last long”! What is our mortal lifetime compared to our immortal life in the thousand-year-long Kingdom of God and then the never-ending Eternal State?

These truths help lift our spirits above our present problems and gives us energy not only to keep going but to make good, God-honouring decisions each day. These truths give us long-range hope and endurance.

Just as God directed history through interacting with people and nations, we are also part of God’s story as He continues interacting with mankind so as to direct history toward the end He has in mind.

2. Diligently study Scripture well

Make time for “solid food” by diligently studying God’s Word, so we will continue to grow.

Hebrews 5:13–14

¹³ For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn’t know how to do what is right. ¹⁴ Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.



a. “Solid food”

The Holy Spirit is our best teacher. While God gives us helpful brothers- and sisters-in-Christ, as well as pastors and teachers to help us study the Bible, we must never forget that God Himself is our Bible study leader. He knows best what we need to learn and how we learn best. And we should let Him lead.

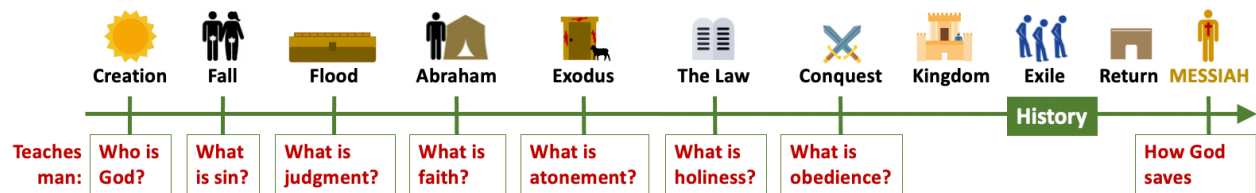


How? It is good to spend more time actually reading and studying the Bible directly rather than focusing mainly on other Christian literature or audio and visual material, which have been filtered through a teacher.



As we build up our knowledge and understanding of Scripture, God will use His own words to guide us, minister to us, rebuke us and correct us. If we humbly and teachably cooperate with God the Holy Spirit who is at work in our life, He will cause us to grow in understanding, obedience and maturity.

It is also helpful to clearly understand the main timeline of historical events recorded in the Bible. This will enable us to learn and understand events and truths in their proper historical and chronological context.



As we continue to study Scripture, remember that every passage, every event, every book has its proper place in the timeline of history. In other words, God’s biblical framework has a proper structure. Knowing **when** something happens is critical because it helps us avoid interpreting God’s Word incorrectly.

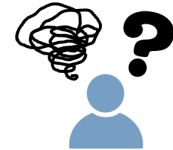
b. “Through training, have the skill to recognise the difference between right and wrong”

When there are areas in the Bible that we don’t understand, it would be good to take all the time we need to study them out carefully. We should not leave important questions unanswered or these might slowly pick away at our overall understanding and faith.

It is also useful to practise the “Faith in Action” methods to help us stand strong in the faith.

If we practise and practise and practise some more, we can not only remain steady in our faith but grow stronger. Then we will not be thrown into confusion when we come across bad or false teaching. And we will be able to stand firm in God and not get shaken when we come across questions or criticisms in newspapers, books, TV or the internet. We will not be intimidated when confronted about our faith by friends and loved ones.

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3. Study with other believers

It is not easy to always study the Bible by ourselves. Many of us struggle with busy lives and at times, we lack motivation and discipline.

Getting a Bible study partner or forming a small group of 3–6 people who are also keen on studying together can help in many ways. We can motivate, correct, encourage, inspire and help each other in our Christian walk especially if the group determines to meet frequently and regularly. In this way, we can help each other learn and we can hold each other accountable.



Hebrews 10:24–25

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

In addition, another way to “study together” with fellow believers is to turn to good Bible commentaries to help us. These trusted teachers are like study partners, helping us to understand Scripture better.

4. Pray continually

Pray continually to the Father, in the Son’s name, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer involves all three Persons of the Godhead!

1 Thessalonians 5:16–19

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.



5. Love the body of Christ

Ask God how we can contribute to the life and growth of the church (especially the local church in our area) and our fellow brothers- and sisters-in-Christ. Ask Him to show us how we can use our God-given gifts and skills, time and resources to continually be a blessing to others. And ask God to help us have the love, courage and willingness to take the opportunities that He puts in our lives. Every opportunity requires us to make a decision. With the help of the Holy Spirit and with practice, we pray we will make more and more right decisions.



6. Trust God for our justification, and with an attitude of love and gratitude, work hard at our sanctification by cooperating with the Holy Spirit.

At the end of the day, when we stand in front of Jesus at the Bema, and He asks us how we have lived, may we all be able to say, “We have lived by your strength in us. It has been all your work, Jesus. Your work on the cross for me is why I am here. Thank you. And thank you also for working so hard to sanctify me so that I can indeed receive the rewards you have prepared for me. It is all your work.”



Not Just Head Knowledge, but a Living Reality

Being a disciple of Christ is more than just absorbing and understanding a few truths about God. It is not about “becoming a better me”.

The goal as a disciple is having a living, personal, vital, thriving and very real relationship with Yahweh, the Creator-God of the universe through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Our goal is enjoying communion with Yahweh Himself. This is what God wanted for the first man and woman. This is what God wants for all people. And to have that communion, God has joined all believers to Christ so that communion with God is possible!

Colossians 1:24–29

²⁴ I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. ²⁵ God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. ²⁶ This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. ²⁷ For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

²⁸ So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

“Christ living in us” is not an idea to be understood, but a new reality to be lived in by faith. We are already clothed in Christ and His righteousness, but life in Christ means we need to practise it until we actually fit into the life He has given us.



We are striving to become what we already are. We need to grow up into the reality of being in Christ. So let us be a holy and living sacrifice to Yahweh and worship Him with everything that we are and have!

1 Samuel 2:2

No one is holy like the LORD!
There is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Appendix: Lessons to Review for Each Challenge Statement

The following is a list of suggestions on which lessons to review to get the biblical content needed to respond to each challenge statement. The suggestions are not exhaustive, that is, there is more content across the entire series as well as in the Bible itself. The suggestions listed here are just a good starting point.

1. Lesson 33: Birth of Christ (The Incarnation of Christ, pages 4–8)
2. Lesson 33: Birth of Christ (The Virgin Birth of Christ, pages 9–13)
3. Lesson 33: Birth of Christ (Why did Messiah need to have a virgin birth, pages 13–21)
4. Lesson 34: Life of Christ (God is One and God is also Three—The Mystery of the Trinity, pages 2–12)
5. Lesson 34: Life of Christ (Jesus lived a perfect life to leave believers an example of how to live, pages 20–30)
6. Lesson 35: Death of Christ (How God sees Justice, pages 3–23)
7. Lesson 36: Who did Christ die for? (Why must people believe in Jesus to be saved from eternal death, pages 6–10; Who did Christ die for, pages 2–6)
8. Lesson 36: Who did Christ die for? (How can God be so cruel to “send people to hell”?, pages 13–16)
9. Lesson 36: Who did Christ die for? (The Bible talks about “election”. Does this mean God alone decides who gets saved and who does not?, pages 17–30)
10. Lesson 37: The First Resurrection (Resuscitation, pages 3–7; Jesus’ Resurrection, pages 9–10; What happened after Jesus’ Resurrection, pages 15–18; Jesus’ Resurrection proves that there is a perfect “Eternal State” where there will be no more evil, pages 19–20)
11. Lesson 38: Justification, Sanctification, Glorification (Part 1) (Whole lesson)
12. Lesson 39: Justification, Sanctification, Glorification (Part 2) (Saved from the Presence of Sin: Glorification, pages 2–14)
13. Lesson 39: Justification, Sanctification, Glorification (Part 2) (What about Works?, pages 20–30)
14. Lesson 40: The Delay of the Kingdom (The End of the Interim Period, pages 30–42)
15. Lesson 41: The Arrival of the Church (Preparation for the Start of the Church: Jesus Ascends to Heaven, pages 2–16)
16. Lesson 42: The Holy Spirit Directs the Church (How the Holy Spirit Worked in Old Testament Times, pages 1–16)

17. Lesson 42: The Holy Spirit Directs the Church (Baptism, pages 17–31)
18. Lesson 43: The Church Grows Out From Israel (What is the church?, pages 2–19; The Church Today, pages 28–33)
19. Lesson 44: The Maturing of the Church (Truth Issue: Who is Christ? Who is the Holy Spirit, pages 25–28)
20. Lesson 45: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 1) (God's Plan for Israel, pages 3–25, 28–37); Lesson 46: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (God's Plan for the Church, pages 2–15)
21. Lesson 46: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (Does it really matter what we believe about the Kingdom of God, pages 24–32)
22. Lesson 47: Overview of the End (The Revelation from Jesus Christ to the Apostle John, pages 2–7); Lesson 52: The Kingdom of God (How should we react to the book of Revelation, pages 40–42)
23. Lesson 48: The Tribulation of Israel Begins (Jesus had already told His disciples about these end time events, pages 15–21); Lesson 49: The Trumpet Judgments (The 7th Seal and the First 6 Trumpet Judgments, pages 2–9); Lesson 50: The Beast and the Bowl Judgments (The Seven Bowls and the Exodus Plagues, pages 23–29)
24. Lesson 50: The Beast and the Bowl Judgments (Why won't evil mankind bow to Yahweh, the Creator-God of the universe?, pages 30–33)
25. Lesson 1: Origin of the Divine Institution (If you say your God can do anything, does it mean your God can lie?, pages 5–6)
26. Lesson 1: Origin of the Divine Institution (First Divine Institution: Responsible Dominion, pages 7–9; Second Divine Institution: Marriage, pages 11–14; The First Three Divine Institutions work together, pages 16–17)
27. Lesson 2: Pagan View of Origins (Pagan View of Origins, pages 5–18)
28. Lesson 3: Consequences of the Fall (Whole lesson)
29. Lesson 4: Three Responses to the Pagan Worldview (Is it true that all this discussion on scientific theories and the creation/evolution debate does not matter? After all, they do not impact the gospel, our faith, or our trust in Scripture, pages 23–24 and the rest of the lesson)
30. Lesson 5: The Global Flood (Was there such a thing as a worldwide flood that destroyed the earth?, pages 10–16; Is there really a coming global or final judgment?, pages 22–23)
31. Lesson 6: The New World Covenant (A New, Fourth Divine Institution, pages 16–22)
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33. Lesson 9: The Call of Abraham (Who Will Tell God's Story, pages 2–19)
34. Lesson 10: Abraham—A Picture of Faith (When did God justify Abraham? Before he did anything, pages 10–15)
35. Lesson 11: Israel vs Egypt (No world system or government can save man. Only God can save mankind, pages 17–19; Is it true that with the right government and the right programmes, man can be happy, fulfilled and find meaning in life within a well-ordered society?, pages 22–23); Lesson 46: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (Isn't there a form of government that can produce a peaceful and prosperous society?, pages 16–18); Lesson 52: The Kingdom of God (Satan's Final Rebellion, pages 20–23)
36. Lesson 12: The Passover (Grace before judgment, pages 6–9; Where do people go when they die?, pages 25–28)
37. Lesson 13: Mount Sinai—The Law (Israel, God's Son, pages 1–4; Exodus before Sinai: Salvation before Relationship, pages 22–25)
38. Lesson 14: God's Perfect Law (God's laws come from His infinite character and knowledge. Only He can make perfect laws, pages 10–14; Is mankind good enough to make good laws?, pages 14–17)
39. Lesson 14: God's Perfect Law (Do believers today have to obey the Old Testament laws?, pages 20–24; Are Christians supposed to keep the Sabbath (Commandment #4)?, pages 25–26); Lesson 43: The Church Grows Out From Israel (Stage 4: The Gentiles are officially recognised as part of the church, pages 18–21; The Holy Spirit directs the church into Rome, pages 24–27)
40. Lesson 15: Revelation and Rebellion at Sinai (Revelation, pages 4–9; God records His Word, pages 11–16); Lesson 28: Partial Return of Judah (The Word of God Continues to Speak to Us, pages 27–28); Lesson 52: The Kingdom of God (Don't meddle with the Bible, pages 38–39)
41. Lesson 16: The Period of the Conquest (Why was total destruction necessary?, pages 6–21)
42. Lesson 17: Building Spiritual Life in the Israelites (What happened after Joshua's death?, pages 22–24); Lesson 46: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (Believers must grow in their understanding of God's Word, pages 7–11)
43. Lesson 18: Holy War within ourselves (Are there secrets and "surefire methods" to spiritual growth?, pages 25–26); Lesson 46: Overview of the End (Jesus warns believers against being a dead church, pages 15–16)
44. Lesson 19: Understanding Suffering (Biblical advice on how to cope with suffering, pages 2–22); Lesson 46: God's Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (The church has spiritual enemies and will suffer from the attack of Satan, pages 9–11)
45. Lesson 22: King David (Confession and repentance, pages 16–21)

46. Lesson 23: King Solomon (Solomon turned away from God, pages 13–16; Are there really no problems with a believer marrying an unbeliever?, pages 17–19)
47. Lesson 24: The Kingdom Divided (Are the words of man or angel more important than the Word of God?, pages 14–18; Prefer the word of God over the “word of man”, pages 25–26)
48. Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom (The Prophets, pages 2–13; Promises, pages 14–19)
49. Lesson 26: Sent into Exile (Previously, pages 1–14); Lesson 13: Mount Sinai: The Law (Some people claim that history can be explained by human actions. They say that history has no connection to any “god”. Is this true?, pages 6–9)
50. Lesson 27: Living as Believers in a Pagan Culture (The book of Daniel is a “wisdom” book, pages 2–17); Lesson 46: God’s Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 2) (Do all Christians have the same understanding about the future with regards to the Kingdom of God?, pages 19–31)
51. Lesson 27: Living as Believers in a Pagan Culture (Should our children be shielded from all unchristian influences because it will destroy their faith?, pages 17–26)
52. Lesson 28: Partial Return of Judah (Prophecy given to Daniel, pages 3–9; Why did Daniel bother praying if he knew God’s plan to discipline the Jews through exile?, pages 9–11)
53. Lesson 28: Partial Return of Judah (Should translations of the Bible be treated as the “real Bible”? Should people treat it like God’s Word?, pages 25–27)
54. Lesson 29: The Jewish Expectation (Part 1) (Worldwide blessing and the New Covenant, pages 11–21; If the New Covenant and the Messiah are for the Jews, then how do Gentiles receive salvation and be reconciled with God?, pages 27–33); Lesson 45: God’s Plan for Israel and the Church (Part 1) (God’s Plan for Israel, pages 3–25; God fulfills all His covenant promises to Israel at the start of the Kingdom of God, pages 34–37)
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