

## Crucial Questions

### What About...? A Crucial Questions “Grab Bag”

#### CONNECT:

What are some questions you have for God right now that have not been covered in our series so far? Why is it important to keep asking questions?

#### PREPARE:

Read Proverbs 2:3-6. We want to be people of knowledge and wisdom, not to win an argument, or to show how much we know, but for us to follow Jesus more faithfully. How does this passage encourage or challenge you?

As we discuss 4 topics, think about **why** it's an important discussion, **what** the Bible says about it, and **how** should you understand it. Are there different perspectives on it? What is essential and non-essential about it?

#### STUDY AND DISCUSS:

##### Women in Church:

- Read Genesis 1:27. What do both Egalitarian and Complementarian agree on?
- Egalitarian view: There is no distinction between genders in regards to roles in the church and home.
- Complementarian view: There is equal value/worth, but different roles that complement each other. Male headship is a primary belief. Read Ephesians 5:22-23 and Colossians 3:18-19. What are the issues many people today have with those verses?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:1-5. How do you balance headship with encouraging men and women to use their gifts and complement each other?
- What are your thoughts on the belief North holds on this topic?

## Community Group Discussion Questions

### End Times:

- This includes both our future hope in Christ and judgment on sin and evil. End Times is the beginning of the eternal state. The book of Revelation is the most Apocalyptic book. The word Revelation comes from the Greek word, apocalypse, which means a dream or a vision. How was this book meant for the 1st century Christians and why was it meant to be an encouragement and a comfort for God's people?
- The millennial perspectives were not thoroughly discussed, and there are lots of resources for further study, but why or why not do you think having a strong view on that matters?

### Hell:

- Read Revelation 20:12-15 and Matthew 12:36. Based on these passages, is hell a real place?
- What is annihilationism and why is it an appealing position?
- Read Matthew 25:31-46. How is the judgement of sin and evil a loving act on Jesus' part?
- Discuss the following quote by Miroslav Volf, "If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence—that God would not be worthy of worship."

### Angels & Demons:

Angels are spiritual beings, created by God. They are God's servants, messengers, helpers on earth.

Read Genesis 1:27. How are angels and demons different from humans?

Read 1 Peter 1:12. What can you see as a function or role of angels in this passage?

Read Ephesians 6:10-12. Why is it important to be aware of angels and demons?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9. Even though Satan and his demons have power, why is it that Christians cannot be possessed by a demon (versus being oppressed)?

### RESPONSE:

Which of the four topics discussed interests you enough to do more research on it?

**PRAY:** Thank God for His faithfulness to give us all we need to know in Scripture.

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