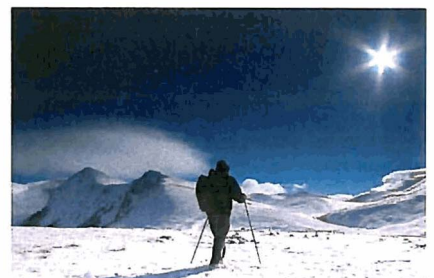


## *The Journey*

### *Lesson 1*

#### **The Bible: Fact or Fiction - *Can it be Trusted?***

1. **Getting Started:** Who in the past has most influenced your opinion of the Bible?
  
2. **Agree or Disagree:** There is some good moral teaching in the Bible, but it also contains myths and fables. There are good stories, but they are not necessarily true.
  
3. **Respond:** Based on your response to question 2, why do you feel one way or the other?
  
4. **Investigate:** What do some of the following verses say about the Bible?
  - a. Jesus – Matthew 22:29
  
  - b. Luke – Luke 1:1-3
  
  - c. Paul – 2 Timothy 3:15-16
  
  - d. Peter – 2 Peter 1:20-21
  
  - e. John – 1 John 1:1-3
  
5. **Think:** What is inspiration? Why is it important to understand that the Bible was “Inspired” by God?
  
6. **Finally:** How did Jesus view the Scriptures? Read Luke 24:25-27. What did He say about the value of studying the Bible? (John 5:39)





**The Journey**  
***Lesson 3***

**Born Identity**

1. Do you believe that it is important to know where you come from and why you exist? What difference would this make as to how you live your life?
2. Take a look at the following verses; Genesis 1:1,27; Psalm 100:3 and Psalm 139:13-16. What does the Bible say about people?
3. What do you think it means that, “humans were created in the image of God”? (Genesis 1:26, 5:1, 9:6)
4. Do you think God is pleased with how His creation has turned out? Why or why not?
5. What do you believe is your present #1 purpose in living?



**The Journey**  
**Lesson 4**

**Why Does Evil Exist?**

1. **Introduction:** Why do you think evil and wickedness are so prevalent in our world today?
  
2. **Respond:** What factors might influence bad behaviors in people?
  
3. **Investigate:** What is God's assessment of the human race?
  - i. Romans 3: 10 – 18
  
  - ii. Romans 3:23
  
  - iii. Psalms 51:5
  
  - iv. Genesis 8:21
  
4. **Think:** How did the human race get itself into such a mess? See Genesis 3:1-6
  
5. **Finally:** Realizing the condition we're in, what hope do we have? 1John 4:9-10



**The Journey**  
**Lesson 5**

**What does My Future Hold?**

1. How do people plan for their future?
2. What are some of the common beliefs about death?
3. What does the Bible say about the ultimate cause of death? (Genesis 3:17-19; 22-23; Romans 6:23)
4. Will all people end up in the same place after they die? (Luke 16:19-24)
5. What will determine where our permanent residence will be? (Luke 16:25-31)
6. Do you know what your future holds? (Please explain in your own words)



## *The Journey*

### *Lesson 6*

## Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

1. Can you think of an example or situation where someone made a sacrifice for you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Jesus died on the cross because (select one):
  - a. He was a victim of circumstance
  - b. He was a victim of a tragic mistake
  - c. Sin must be judged if we are to be brought to God
  - d. He could not escape from either the Romans or the Jewish leaders
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. If God loved His Son, why did He allow Him to suffer and die on the cross?  
(Romans 4:25; Romans 5:6-8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is finished"? (John 19:30)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Explain in your own words why Jesus died on the cross.



**The Journey**  
**Lesson 7**

**The New Birth**  
**“How many birthdays do you have?”**

*Read John 3:1-16*

1. What do you believe people think when they hear the phrase, “Born again”?
2. Why did Jesus tell Nicodemus that he *must* be born again? If he needed to be born again, what is the implication for us?
3. How would you answer the question, “How can I be born again?”
4. If you have received new life from God, what difference (or changes) has this made in your life?
5. **The last question of the series.....what’s been the most important discovery for you while attending The Journey?**

