

Reach Q & A



Discovering what they know

A Reach “Jesus Journey” Discipleship Resource

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Introduction

Reach Q & A is the first Reach “Jesus Journey” discipleship resource you’ll use with a new disciple and or mentee (the person you’re mentoring as a follower of Jesus). The purpose of this resource is to help you discover what the new follower of Jesus knows about God and the Bible so that you know what you’re working with.

The purpose of this step is to clear up unbiblical beliefs so they can grow without the obstacles of unbiblical beliefs.

Reach Questions and Answers

When you talked to your new mentee about the Gospel and took them through the Reach 3-2-1 conversation, you most likely learned what they believed about getting to heaven and about God.

The reality is that most people have many unbiblical beliefs about God that they picked up throughout their lives.

I have found talking to people about what they believe about God is valuable in helping them get rid of unbiblical beliefs so that they can begin to grow without the infection of old unbiblical beliefs. It’s no different than how the medical community addresses infected wounds before they treat the wound; they clean it so it can heal properly.

In the remaining section of this resource, I will provide you with a list of questions to ask the new believer (NB).

During the Reach 3-2-1 conversation, you asked the NB what they believed it took to get to heaven? This was the first unbiblical area you helped them with.

One of the main reasons for people’s unbiblical beliefs is that they don’t know what the Bible says. Most people are biblically illiterate at best, and or misinformed at least, and therefore have many unbiblical beliefs about God. Therefore, the first question to ask the NB is what they believe about the Bible.

Unfortunately, many people believe that the Bible is just one of many religious books that talk about God. Additionally, many people wrongly believe that the Bible is a man-made book just like all the other religious books. See “*His-Story is Our Story – the History of God and You*” resource, **Chapter 2 – Bible**, for information on how to deal with what the Bible says about itself so you can accurately deal with NB’s unbiblical beliefs about the Bible.

Once you’ve established that the Bible is God’s only written revelation to mankind, then you and your mentee are ready to learn what God’s Word does say about following Him His way.

Other questions NB’s will ask will be answered from God’s Word. Those questions will be as follows:

Questions about Evil:

Why does God allow bad things to happen?

Why does evil seem to be so prevalent?

Can’t God keep bad things from happening?

Why do good people have bad things happen to them?

Answers about evil:

Good news, the Bible provides that answers to these questions and the origin of evil. The short answer to the origin of evil is Satan. The Bible tells us that Satan was the first to sin/rebel against God, and in time deceived Eve and consequently Adam into sinning which brought evil into existence on earth. See “*His-Story is Our Story – the History of God and You*” resource, **Chapter 3 – Us**, for information on dealing with the issue of evil.

Questions about Purpose:

Why did God create us?

What is the purpose and meaning of life?

How are we to live our lives?

Answers about Purpose:

Once again the Bible provides answers to these questions which will be specifically dealt with during the Jesus Journey. The general/short answers to these questions are that God created us out of love, to display His love so we could be His agents of love. The Bible is a book about God's love, and in it, He tells us that He loves, that He is love (1 John 4:8 & 16), that He loves us (John 3:16) and that He created us to love Him and others (Mt. 22:37-40).

God reveals the specifics about His love throughout His Word, which becomes the main way we know how to live His way. Knowing God and His Word becomes one of the many gifts He gives His children, which is a life-long pursuit we enjoy throughout our time on earth as we cultivate our relationship with Him.

We must communicate this incredible truth to our mentees as it becomes the foundation upon which they will build their relationship with God.

Since the *“His-Story is Our Story – the History of God and You”* resource covers many of the questions that NB's have it would be a great first resource for you and your mentee to go through together.

Other Questions:

Your mentee may ask you questions about end-time issues such as how is the world going to end, or if Jesus is coming back or other questions like these. Since these are complex and mature issues I would let them know that they're great questions and things they will learn about as they progress through the Jesus Journey, but that it's important to learn to walk before learning to run. What I recommend is, giving short answers to these questions and reiterating that they will learn more about these things as they grow in their relationship with God.

Short answers to the Other End Time Questions:

The end of the world – technically, the world does not end. The Bible tells us that the current earth will be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:7-13),¹ and that God creates a new (perfect) earth where we will live forever with God (Rev. 21:1). In regards to Jesus' return, the short answer is yes. The longer answer is that He will return to rapture His church – followers of Jesus before God's judgment on the earth and He returns to earth with His followers to rule and reign for 1000 years before God's

¹ See https://www.openbible.info/topics/god_will_destroy_earth_by_fire for additional Scriptures on this subject.

final judgment and His creating a new universe. A short concise explanation regarding creation is that it started perfect and it will once again be perfect.

Final Thoughts

If your mentee asks you something you don't know, don't worry or panic. Simply tell them that you're not sure, but you know who does have the answer – God, and that you'll look into it and get back with them with an answer. Not knowing an answer is what allows us to grow in our understanding of God and His Word.

Always, look at the challenges and mysteries of life and seek answers about them in God's Word. By doing this you will learn and grow, as well as have the answers to questions the world is looking for. As the Apostle Peter said, *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,.. – 1 Peter 3:15.*

Visit <https://lmiq.org/> (A **Reach Evangelistic Association** Resource) and click on **“truelife.org”** and **“Got Questions”** for excellent resources for finding answers to questions you and others may have. **LMIQ.org** also has many other valuable resources you can use in making disciples.

Enjoy the journey, and may God richly bless you as you make disciples!