

# A Spiritual Journey

# Introduction

Week one

Notes:

# How to View God

## Week two

1. This study will deal with "The Proper Way to View God".
2. Discussion: How do most people view God?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ - Waiting for you to screw up or walk off line and then He's going to blow you away in many little pieces.

*Questions:*

1) How would this affect your approach to God?

2) Why would this keep people from developing a relationship with?

B. \_\_\_\_\_ - He doesn't expect anything of us, He's just there God to grant our every wish, but we can live like we want to.

*Questions:*

1) How would this affect your approach to God?

2) Why would this keep people from developing a relationship with God?

**3.** Look up verses in the Bible to understand how we should view God:

Luke 11:11-13

Matt. 6:9-13

Matt. 6:31-33

John 1:12

Questions:

- 1) What do these verses tell us about how we should view God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) *Luke 11:11-13* - What if we ask for stones, is God obligated to give us a stone? What would a stone / serpent represent? Would God withhold good things?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) *Matt. 6:9-13* - What does it mean to say to our Heavenly Father, "*Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?*"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) *Matt. 6:31-33* - What does our Heavenly Father expect us to do and what does He promise to do for us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) *John 1:12* - How does a person become a child of God?

# The Difference Between Christianity and Religion

Week three

1. This study will deal with the difference between Christianity and religion.
2. Discussion: What are the different religions of the world?
3. What is the definition of a 'religion'?
4. Why is Christianity not a religion?
5. Read this quote: *"Not one recognized religious leader, not Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, etc. has ever claimed to be God: that is, with the exception of Jesus Christ. Christ is the only leader who claimed He was the exclusive way to God and the only individual ever who has convinced a great portion of the world that He is God."*
6. Read the following verses that express Jesus' claims:  
*John 14:6*  
  
*John 10:27-33*  
  
*Mark 2:2-12.*

**7.** Read the following verses that explain how Jesus backed up His claim of being God.

**A.** His many miracles:

*John 9:13-33*

*John 20:30-31*

**B.** Approximately 300 prophecies from the Old Testament fulfilled in Christ

*Ps. 16:10*

*Acts 13:34-38*

*I Cor. 15:1-8*

**C.** Christ rose from the dead - all other religious leaders are in the tomb

*I Cor. 15:3-6*

**9.** Common objections:

**A.** Is this fair, what about people \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

*Romans 1:19-20*

**B.** Why did Jesus come in the first place?

*John 10:10*

*Luke 19:10*

**10.** Final Notes:

# Why Man Needs God

## Week four

1. This study will deal with "why man needs God."
2. What is a need?
3. Think of examples of people who have a need for something but do not realize that they do.
4. What about people who do not sense a need for God, do they really have a need?
5. Look up the following verses that explain why man needs God.
  - A. *Romans 9:20* - God created man \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. If man refuses, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. *Romans 3:23* - Man cannot accomplish his  
purpose on his own, he \_\_\_\_\_ of what  
God expects.
  - C. *Romans 6:23* - Penalty of sin is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. *Romans 5:8* - God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. In  
order for both characteristics to be satisfied  
someone must die for everyone's sin

7. Conclusion - whether a person senses their need for God because of failures and frustrations, or if a person ignores or is unaware of their need, all men \_\_\_\_\_ or they fail to fulfill their purpose, and remain separated from God. Jesus said the only way to God \_\_\_\_\_-.

# The Why, When, and How Of Becoming a Christian

Week five

1. Last week we discussed why a person should become a Christian. This week we will be more detailed with why as well as explain when and how.
2. Why?

WHY?	

### 3. When?

"I'm afraid I couldn't stick with it" *1 Cor. 5:17* - You can't stick with it, but \_\_\_\_\_ to change when you step out on faith.

"I'm not ready yet" *Eph. 2:8-9* - You \_\_\_\_\_ good enough or clean enough to ask Christ to forgive you. It is a gift.

"I'm growing into it" *John 3:1-8* The act of becoming a Christian is \_\_\_\_\_, not a process.

### 4. How?