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### **Christianity For Today**

Living a Christian Life in Today's World A Life Changing Six Week Study Program Participant Workbook

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#### **Participant Workbook**

This course is a six week series of instructional sessions intended to assist the participant whether they are a devout or novice Christian or even someone who is angry at the Church, or God, in short anyone who wishes to find answers concerning Christianity.

Anyone can take the course, whether affiliated with a church or not, it doesn't matter. The course is designed primarily for people who have questions concerning Christianity, non-churchgoers and those who have recently become Christians.

All parts of *Christianity For Today* is a wonderful life changing experience for all who participate, bar none. It answers and clarifies the basics of our Christian faith and puts us on firm ground as we travel on our journey with the Lord. Some even yell at God if that's what it takes to clear the air we encourage it. we ask for a complete commitment to attend each week, if at all possible.

Please take notes during the talks. IT is vital for each participant to do so. Each night you will move into your group and discuss what you have written concerning your questions and thoughts. No one will laugh or argue with you to prove a point, *it is forbidden*.

#### The six, two and a half hour sessions are:

Session One: Is Christianity Really Relevant Today or Just Some Club? What is so Special About Jesus?
Session Two: Why Read the Bible? What's Faith Got to do With It? What's the Big Deal About Praying?
Session Three: Does God Really Hear Me and Why? How Can I know God Cares About Me? Does God Really Guide Me and How Do I Know?
Session Four: What is the Holy Spirit? What are the Gifts of Holy Spirit? Come on Does God Really Heal?
Session Five: How can I Change, I've Lost Hope? So What's Next?
Session Six: How Can I Spread the Good News to Others? What's Right and What's Wrong with the Church Today?

With those important topics in mind and knowing that we are all short of time we must become more disciplined in our use of the time we do have. As mentioned before we propose each evening to start <u>promptly</u> at 6:30 with an excellent dinner, followed by a plain language talk at 7:00 (20 Min). Each talk is geared to promote discussion in the small groups. After the talk, 7:30, coffee should be available to continue a relaxed atmosphere in group settings. The group discussions, usually involving 8-12 people, end promptly at 9:00. Child care is available each night. This course normally is run by lay people just like you, no clergy allowed except on the edge. No intimidation, we're just regular folks and know how it feels to have doubts and fears

about God and the church. There are trained leaders in each group, but only to guide and help participants stay on a track. Basically each group chooses what is discussed.

The clean up detail ideally will fall on a different team each night, should numbers allow, and <u>all are expected to take their turn</u>. It's part of the learning experience. We all have to pitch in if Christianity is to be relevant in today's world. We believe it is relevant and hope you will see the same and work beside us as we strive to do better things for the people of our community.

It's a great way to get a good meal and join in on some highly spirited conversation concerning Christianity. *We want to stress that the course is non-denominational and no one will try to force you to speak or become anything different than you want to be.* You are free to just listen if that's what you want to do. But, if you ask a question, your peers will do the answering. Leaders will only help and insure a strict rule of anything said in the room is private and can not be shared about or disclosed to anyone, period.

### Session One: Is Christianity Really Relevant Today or Just Some Club and What is so Special About Jesus?

### NOTES

ARE YOU ANGRY AT GOD, OR JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT??

> You Can Yell at God; But It is Forbidden to Laugh at Someone's Question.

Church is Not a Building, It Is the People Christianity Is Vitally Important Today!

Until we find a true relationship with God through Jesus we will never find complete answers to questions that matter to us, nor find true meaning for much of anything.

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JESUS' TEACHINGS ARE CONSIDERED THE GREATEST WORDS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

"Because you have seen Me, you have believed: blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:29)

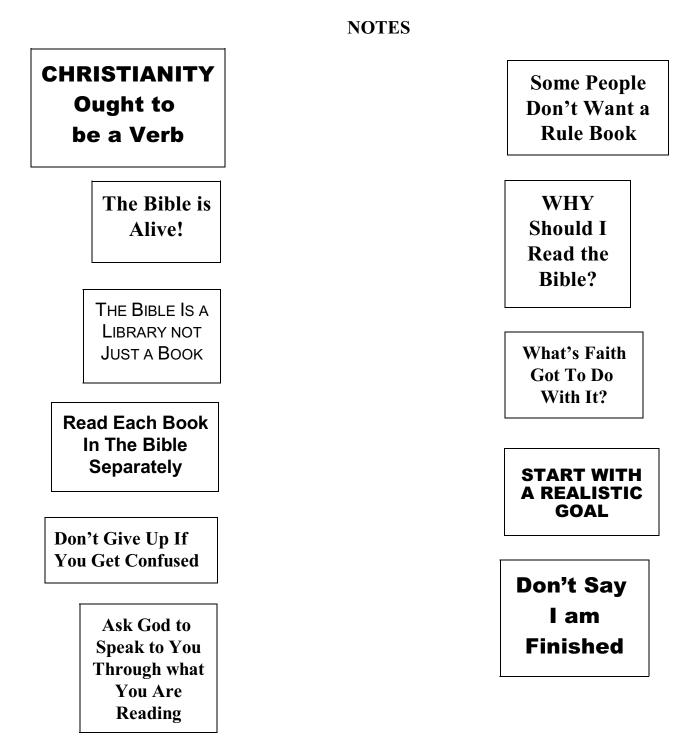
No Man Can Serve Two Masters

Give Him a chance. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. What Would a Total Absence of God Be Like?

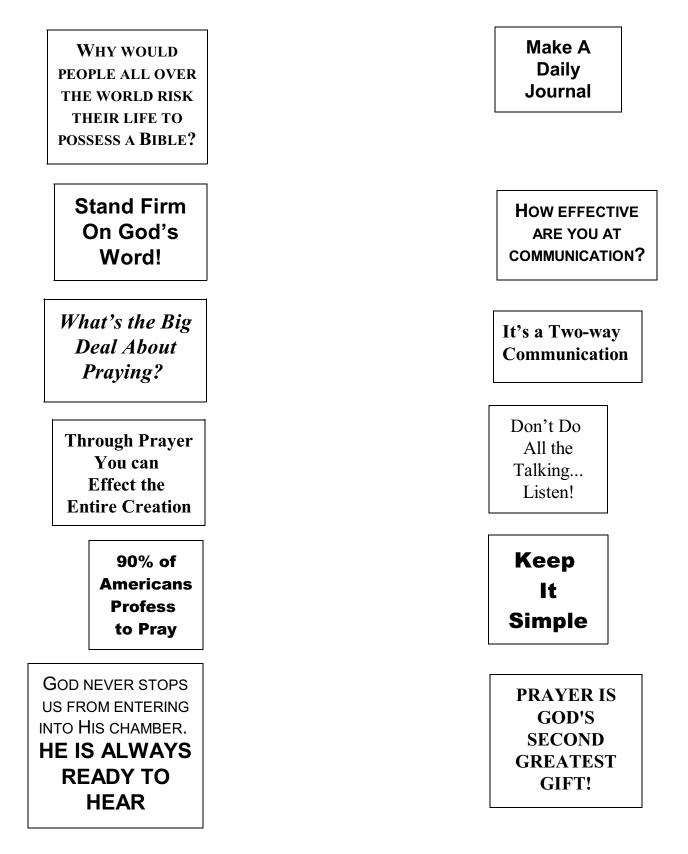
Read: *The Case For Christ* by Lee Strobel

80% Of Americans Profess To Be Christians

# Session Two: *Why Read the Bible? What's Faith Got to do With It? What's the Big Deal About Praying?*



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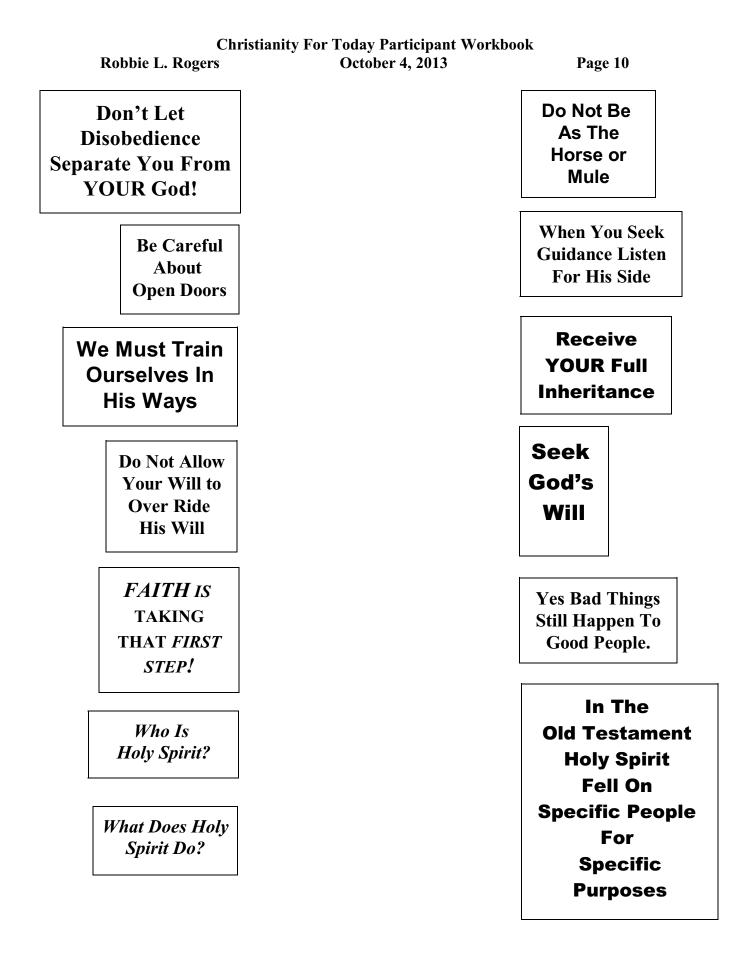
PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE ADORATION CONFESSION THANKSGIVING INTERCESSION PETITION

IF YOU NEED TO, CRY!

Review the Problem Tell Him Your Bitterness Confess You Need Him Ask for His Help! Remember Who You Are!

## Session Three: Does God Really Hear Me and Why? How Can I know God Cares About Me? Does God Really Guide Me and How Do I Know?





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What Are Gifts of Holy Spirit?

> Spiritual Gifts are God's perfect order

> > Allow Holy Spirit To Be Your helper

Why Do We Even Have Such Gifts?

No Spiritual Gift Should Edify a Person, Only God

Do Not Seek The Gifts For Wrong Motives

> GIFTS TO THE *Whole Church*

God Will Not Lead You Into Anything Contrary To Scripture

He Bless Us That We May Bless Others In Like Manner

DOES GOD HEAL TODAY?

WHY DOES GOD HEAL SOME AND NOT OTHERS?

EXPECT A MIRACLE!

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The Greek Word For Save Also Means Heal! True Inner Healing Only Comes From God

If You Feel Condemned Look to Where it is Coming From

Do Not Be Deceived!

Do His Will, Not Yours, Only Then Will You Receive All The Blessing He has Reserved For You!

He Died On The Cross For Us All! Session Five: How can I Change, I've Lost Hope? So What's Next?

### **NOTES:**

Courage From Faith Brings Truth and Life

Where Is Your Place In The Vineyards?

How Can I Change?

Allow Holy Spirit To Help!

Your Attitude Should Be From Gratitude!

Be Grateful No Matter The Circumstances

As A Loving Servant Trust God

Temptation Is Not Sin, Acting On It Is!

So What's Next?

In Jesus We Are No Longer Condemned!

The Good News Is God Has Rescued Us!

Satan Trembles When He Sees The Weakest Christian On His Knees!





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Be Transformed!

Seek Him First

Set Aside Time For Him! He Will Not Leave You Alone!

# Session Six: How Can I Spread the Good News to Others? What's Right and What's Wrong with the Church Today?

### **NOTES:**

The Truth Is Someone First Witnessed To You!

> Simply Be A Willing Guide

It's A Good Deal! Just Be Willing To Spread Seeds



Psst, PASS IT

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How Can I Spread The Good News To Others?

He WILL Give You The Words

What Good Is What You Believe If It Does Not Make A Difference?

Listen With All Gentleness While Ministering To The Needs Of Others

> See Yourself As Others Do

Play The Part He Gives Us, Be A Light!

## 1 + 1 = Many!

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**Tell How** 

**You Have** 

Changed

Be God's Emissary!

God Is The Same Today As He Was Yesterday!

What Difference Would It Make In Your Life If You Knew Jesus Was Coming Back Tomorrow?