

Everyone is a Believer

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Proverbs 30:2-5

This afternoon, Chris Roberts will focus on verse 5:

Every word of God is flawless;

He is a shield to those who take refuge in him,

SUMMARY:

Everyone believes in something; Everybody is following somebody; Every person is a person of faith: The Question is, "Faith in what? As atheism has grown in the past 10 years, as the world continues to be "politically-correct," as Christians are pressured to be "open-minded," followers of Jesus will need to be even more prepared to stand firm in the Truth of God's Flawless Word. We see a supernatural reality that others cannot. Christian faith is counter-intuitive and contrary to what is often seen as natural. Even so... God's Word is Truth.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: You meet a stranger, how does he know the difference in you between an atheist and a Christ-Follower?

Discussion:

A recent study found that almost 90% of young outsiders (18-30 years-old) believe that all Christians are judgmental, hypocritical, too political and old-fashioned (see www.UnChristian.com).

How can we speak Truth in Love to outsiders? How can we be loving and winsome without compromising our Faith or harshly offending others? Have you ever had an experience like this?

How have you experienced God's supernatural reality?

APPLICATION:

In a pluralistic society where tolerance and open-mindedness are expected from everyone, it will be important to find new ways of reaching out to others. Many outsiders are skeptical of Christians. This summer let us pray, trust the Spirit to lead us, and build lasting relationships with outsiders. May we truly step outside our front doors, take a look around, and find ways to actually love our neighbors as ourselves. In doing that, God will honor our good fruits and produce a supernatural response in those who are lost.

ON YOUR OWN...

Proverbs 29-31

Luke 10:1-24

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16

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