

Lesson 3 Handout: Debate Topics

- Virgin Birth, how is it possible?
- Creation vs Evolution, 7 days? Dinosaurs? Apes to people? Does it have to be one or the other, is there a middle ground?
- How do you know you are saved? From what? To what/for what?
- What's the point of church? What is worship?
- Bible as sole authority, is it true? Accurate? Text book? What's its purpose?
- Noah's Ark : Did the earth really flood? What about water animals? Pangea?
- Women and the Bible Should they be silent? Can they be in leadership? What about submitting?
- The Existence of God how do you believe in something you can't see? Who created God?
- Is God good? Suffering, why bad things happen to "good" people, the problem of evil
- Sex, should you wait? Why/why not? Does the bible say anything about it?
- God of the Old Testament: why did God destroy so many "innocent" people so the chosen people (Israel) could have land? Does that mean God loves war?
- Jesus, was he God and man? Was He perfect? Was He the Messiah or a good example?
- Drinking and Drugs, does God care what we do with our bodies?
- 10 Commandments (and others): Why does God have all these rules to stop our fun?

Job Descriptions

Philip:

Your role is to play Philip. You are a committed follower of Jesus, you were one of his disciples and spent three years of your life learning from him and helping in His ministry. Now that Jesus is gone, you are taking the Great Commission seriously and want to spread God's Good News about Jesus to the whole world. You have just left a very successful ministry in Samaria because God called you out to this desert road and you've spotted this Ethiopian official, who's asked you to explain the meaning of Isaiah to him. What do you say?

Ethiopian:

Your role is to play the Ethiopian official. You are the treasurer of the Queen Mother in Ethiopia. You are intelligent and well respected by everyone in the country and you have travelled to Jerusalem to worship God. You know some about God and have read the Old Testament but you don't understand any of it or what it means, and you'd like it explained. But you aren't a pushover, you'll think critically about everything you hear, you'll ask questions, look for loopholes or flawed logic because you want the real deal, no beating about the bush, you want the facts about who this guy Isaiah is talking about and what it means for your life.