

# Rooted in Paradoxes

Life is complex. Why should we expect a Christian life to be any different?

We are often confronted with ideas and concepts that seem to contradict each other, and even though we might wish that every question had a simple and straightforward answer, this is simply not the case. In times like these, we are required to do the hard work of looking through - and past - our assumptions and trying to see the truth that lies behind it all. We sometimes have to deal with concepts and ideas that seemingly stand in opposition, yet can only be understood in their fullness when they are brought together.

Welcome to the world of Paradox.

In Lesson One, **Paradigms, Paradoxes, and other fun words that start with P**, students will begin to develop an understanding of paradigms and paradoxes, which will provide the framework for the rest of the module.

In Lesson Two, **Questioning Faith**, students will be given permission to ask questions. They will begin to understand that questioning things, even “Christian things,” does not mean that they are bad or unfaithful...it means that they are seeking to grow in their relationship with God.

In Lesson Three, **Servant Leadership**, students will explore the concepts of Leadership and Servanthood, and see how Jesus brought them together as a model for us to follow. They will craft a working definition of Servant Leadership that will be transferable to all aspects of life.

In Lesson Four, **Passive Resistance**, students will look at ways to respond to situations of conflict or hardship in a way that neither escalates nor belittles the events unfolding around them. They will look at some examples given by Jesus, and figure out what they would look like in their current context, and how they should respond.