

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS

June – August 2007

LESSON 1.....Introduction & Overview (EH)

LESSON 2.....Questions About Marriage, Divorce, & Remarriage (JH)

May a Christian continue living in adultery after coming to Christ? Does God permit divorce in the absence of adultery? May a Christian marry a person divorced for a reason other than adultery? May a Christian re-marry if the former spouse lusted for another in his or her heart?

LESSON 3.....Questions About Baptism (EH)

What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What about the thief on the cross? Wasn't he saved without baptism? What about Cornelius and his household? How is baptism related to circumcision under the Old Covenant? What about infant baptism? Is baptism a "work"?

LESSON 4.....Questions About the Role of Women in the Church (JH)

What about women preachers? Can a woman exercise authority over a man in the secular world? If the Greek words of "wife" and "woman" are the same and the meaning is determined by context, then does this impact the permissible role of women in the church? Which is referred to in 1 Cor. 14:34? Acts 2 says "your daughters shall prophesy." Does this authorize women to preach?

LESSON 5..... Questions About End Times (EH)

What are the 70 weeks in Daniel 9? What are the 10 horns in Daniel 7? What is the relation between Daniel and Revelation? Who is the man of sin in 2 Thessalonians 2:3? Is the war in Iraq a fulfillment of prophecy? Who is the anti-Christ? What is 666? What about Matthew 24?

LESSON 6.....Questions About Mormonism (JH)

Is Mormonism a "Christian" religion? What do the Mormons teach about God and Christ? What do the Mormons teach about eternal life? What is baptism for the dead as taught by Mormons? Should we vote for a Mormon politician?

LESSON 7..... Questions About Social Drinking and Gambling (EH)

Does anything really happen by chance in our lives? Does God know the outcome of a coin flip before the flip? What is gambling? Am I gambling when I buy stocks? Is there anything wrong with the lottery? Isn't there a lot of social drinking in the Bible? How can it be wrong if we drink in moderation? If drinking is wrong because drunkenness is a sin, then wouldn't it follow that eating is wrong because gluttony is a sin?

LESSON 8.....Questions About Instrumental Music in Worship (JH)

Has God authorized a particular type of music in worship? May a Christian listen to religious songs that are accompanied by mechanical music? Do Ephesians 5:17-20 and Colossians 3:16-17 apply to the worship service? Isn't instrumental music just a matter of choice?

LESSON 9.....Questions About the Lord's Church (EH)

How does Matthew 18:15-20 apply to disputes in the church? Why do we write "church of Christ" rather than "Church of Christ"? Was the church discussed in the Old Testament? What did Jesus mean in Matthew 16 when he referred to "my church"? How are Isaiah 2, Joel 2, and Acts 2 related? Are we Protestants? Is the church a denomination?

LESSON 10.....Questions About Evolution & Intelligent Design (JH)

What gave rise to the theory of evolution? Isn't there an abundance of scientific evidence that supports evolution? What is meant by "intelligent design"? Is intelligent design scientific or religious? Should it be taught in our schools?

LESSON 11.....Questions About Forgiveness and Repentance (EH)

Must we forgive others absent their repentance? Does God forgive us absent our repentance? Why did Jesus ask God to forgive those who crucified him rather than just forgive them himself? Was that prayer answered and, if so, when? What does it mean when God remembers our sins no more? What is the relation between forgiveness and love – can we have one without the other?

LESSON 12.....Questions About the Holy Spirit (JH)

What is the gift of the Holy Spirit and when is it received? How does the Holy Spirit work in today's world – miraculously or non-miraculously? Does, and if so, how does the Holy Spirit dwell in a Christian? Are we guided by the Holy Spirit today, and if so, how?

LESSON 13..... Open Forum (EH and JH)

You may submit questions in person, by telephone, or by e-mail to comments@thywordistruth.com. Please submit questions in a specific category at least a week prior to the lesson on that category. All other questions, including questions we don't have time to consider in class, will be considered in Lesson 13 or answered on our website. The class notes, handouts, and audio copies of each class will be posted weekly on our website.