

# SO MANY QUESTIONS

## *Introduction 1: Being prepared to give an account*

There are two basic reasons why we need to know the answers to know the answers to the various curly questions that are dealt with in this course.

Firstly, as Christians, these questions can bother us. It is important that we know the answers to them. God is not afraid of the truth. By asking, researching and answering the questions that arise in our minds, we can only come to grasp his truth more fully.

Secondly, of course, we need to know how to answer people who raise these questions with us.

See **Colossians 4:5-6** and **1 Peter 3:15-16**.

Look through this list of common questions and challenges—

- How do I know God exists in the first place?
- Did Jesus really come back from the dead?
- Hasn't science disproved Christianity?
- You can't trust what the Bible says—it's been changed too much over the years!
- No-one can claim to have 'the truth'—everyone's opinion is valid.
- Wasn't Jesus just another great religious teacher?
- Discussing religion just divides people and causes problems.
- If the Bible is so clear, why can't Christians agree on what it says?
- Why is the Bible anti-gay?
- If God is good, why is there so much suffering in the world?
- Can't we just be good enough to please God?
- Christians are just a bunch of hypocrites!
- Do you have to go to church to be a Christian?

A. *Tick the ones that have bothered you at some stage.*

B. *Which ones have you been asked by someone else? How would you rate the answer you gave?*

*What do the following passages tell us about why we ought to be ready to answer people when they ask us questions? What do they tell us about how we should answer questions?*

**Proverbs 15:14**

**1 Peter 3:14-16**

**Colossians 4:2-6**

**2 Timothy 2:22-26**