

FOUNDATIONAL QUESTIONS

In preliminary rounds, competitors will be presented with a topic choice between two of the forty-eight Foundational Questions listed below. Topics presented will not be limited to any subcategories of the list.

WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD?

1. What is the purpose of Scripture?
2. What is the biblical canon and why is it significant?
3. What is Scripture's inerrancy and why is it significant?
4. What is Scripture's divine inspiration and why is it significant?
5. What evidence supports the historical reliability of the Old Testament?
6. What evidence supports the historical reliability of the New Testament?
7. What evidence shows that Jesus believed in the authority of Scripture?

WHO IS GOD?

8. What is the Trinity and why is it significant?
9. What is God's omniscience and why is it significant?
10. What is God's omnipotence and why is it significant?
11. What is God's transcendence and immanence and why are they significant?
12. What is the righteousness of God and why is it significant?
13. What is God's sovereignty and why is it significant?
14. What is God's grace and why is it significant?
15. What is God's holiness and why is it significant?
16. What is God's immutability and why is it significant?
17. What is the Holy Spirit's role and why is it significant?

WHO IS MAN?

18. What does it mean to be made in the image of God and why is it significant?
19. What is the fall of man and why is it significant?
20. What is the depravity of man and why is it significant?
21. What is the purpose of man?
22. What does it mean to know God?
23. What is sin and why is it significant?
24. What is hell and why is it significant?

WHO IS JESUS?

25. What is the Incarnation of Christ and why is it significant?
26. What is the deity of Christ and why is it significant?

27. What is the humanity of Christ and why is it significant?
28. What evidence supports the historical existence of Jesus?
29. What is the resurrection of Jesus and why is it significant?
30. What evidence supports Jesus as the promised Messiah?
31. In what ways did Jesus fulfill His role as prophet?
32. In what ways did Jesus fulfill His role as priest?
33. In what ways did Jesus fulfill His role as king?
34. What passages show that Jesus claimed to be God?
35. What is Christ's atonement and why is it significant?

HOW ARE WE SAVED?

36. What is the gospel and why is it significant?
37. What is regeneration and why is it significant?
38. What is repentance and why is it significant?
39. What is faith in Christ and why is it significant?
40. What is justification and why is it significant?
41. What is adoption into God's family and why is it significant?
42. What is sanctification and why is it significant?
43. What is redemption and why is it significant?
44. What is reconciliation and why is it significant?

HOW SHOULD WE LIVE?

45. What is prayer and why is it significant?
46. What is the church and why is it significant?
47. What is worship and why is it significant?
48. What is Bible study and why is it significant for Christ followers?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

In elimination rounds, competitors will be presented with a topic choice between two of the thirty-two Application Questions listed below.

1. Why does the Old Testament God seem different than the New Testament God?
2. How can someone know what God's plan is for their life?
3. Respond to the person who says, "The Bible is full of contradictions."
4. Respond to the person who says, "I believe I will go to heaven because I have lived a good life."
5. Respond to the assumption that says, "All religions say pretty much the same thing."
6. Does God care if I am involved in a local church as long as I pray and read my Bible?
7. Respond to the common phrase, "You do you."
8. Should I keep a commitment if I'm unhappy?
9. Should Christians stand for love or truth in the public square?

10. Respond to the friend who says, "I pray and hear nothing. I must be doing something wrong."
11. Respond to a common perception that Christianity is responsible for oppression and injustice.
12. Isn't the Bible irrelevant to the 21st century?
13. Respond to the generalization, "Everything is relative."
14. Respond to the person who says, "God made me this way."
15. Respond to the popular slogan, "My body, my choice."
16. Is traditional Christianity homophobic?
17. Is artificial intelligence our hope for saving mankind?
18. Why does it matter what I believe as long as I'm sincere?
19. Is God a Republican?
20. Respond to the person who says, "My life is not worth living."
21. Respond to the person who says, "I hate my brother for what he did. I could never forgive him for that!"
22. How can a loving God let my mom die of cancer?
23. Respond to the person who says, "I'm not sure I'm saved because I never had a dramatic conversion experience."
24. Respond to the person who asks, "Why would I want to be a Christian when Christians are such a mess?"
25. Hasn't science disproven Christianity?
26. Why do so many Christians live lives that look no different than non-believers?
27. Respond to the question "If the Bible has all the answers, why are there so many denominations?"
28. Do miracles like the ones in the Bible still happen today?
29. If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?
30. Why would a loving God send people to hell?
31. Respond to the person who asks, "Isn't it arrogant to claim to know the truth?"
32. Respond to a friend who doesn't understand the need for a "new birth."