



Approach Trumps Content

The Skeptics Guide To Church

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Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but <u>select 5 or 6 questions</u> you
 think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to
 discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of
 time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application
 questions.
- · Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

- 1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - Would you rather live in a city with a lot of snow or that never gets snow?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

- 2. Which question or part of the approach that Drew addressed Sunday did you find most helpful or clarifying?
- 3. In what ways might a poor approach negatively impact the churches mission?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

- 4. Read Colossians 3:23.
 - How might working hard to please God instead of people help us pursue excellence?
- 5. Read 1 Corinthians 9:20-22.
 - What are some ways Christian's today should become like others to reach them?
- 6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.
 - o How do we get to a place where we give cheerfully instead of reluctantly?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. What was your biggest personal takeaway from the sermon? How do you want to think or act differently as a result of what was shared?

GROWTH GOALS:

- What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year? Here are some ideas:
 - Read a chapter of the Bible every day.
 - o Commit to attend Community Group every week.
 - Begin a volunteer role at Northridge.
 - Increase my volunteer level at Northridge.
 - o Memorize (__number of) verses from the Bible.
 - o Attend the Starting Point group on Sunday's at Northridge.
 - Get baptized.
 - o Become a Northridge Church member.
 - o Invite "insert name" to church.
 - o Increase the percentage of my income I give to church.
 - Read a good Christian book.
 - Connect with a friend weekly/daily to keep you accountable with good/bad habits.