

Study Aids

Discussion Questions and Suggested Readings for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson One

Questions:

A Harris Poll in November 2006 reported that, although the United States is generally thought of as a Christian nation, 42% of all U.S. adults said they are not absolutely certain there is a God. Even among those who described themselves as either Christian or Jewish, only 76% of Protestants, 64% of Catholics, and 30% of Jews said they are “absolutely certain” there is a God. This is a decline of 8 percentage points since a similar poll taken just three years ago.

Discuss why you believe that God is real, eternal, and cares for you. How can you be certain?

Have you ever had someone say to you that the only scientifically-based and accurate basis for teaching the origin of the universe in schools is the theory of evolution? How did you respond to that person? Did you point out that the theory of evolution begins with the assumption of some initial source of matter, and ask him/her “where did that matter come from?” Or, that this assumption can not be defended as a point of scientific fact, and requires faith to believe it, which removes the theory from the field of science and replaces it into the field of philosophy?

If you have not had such a conversation with an evolutionist, what do you think their response might be?

Suggested Reading for further study:

Creation vs. Evolution, by Michael L. McCoy, from CPH and Amazon.com. This is an entry level book that incorporates science, literature, and philosophy along with the words of Scripture. Suitable for both private and small group study.