

Road Trip to **TRUTH** **STUDY GUIDE**

Season 1



WELCOME!

High schools, college campuses, political platforms, workplaces, and even social influences are rife with atheistic, evolutionary, and postmodern ideas that are incompatible with a Biblical worldview. No Christian is immune to secular assaults on their faith.

The *Road Trip to Truth* curriculum is intended to equip participants for the onslaught of postmodern ideas they will encounter in an increasingly secular world. The goal of this study is to introduce students to many of the ideas and arguments they will likely face and to persuade them of the reality and defensibility of the Christian worldview.

After this study, participants should be able to demonstrate the irrationality of an atheistic worldview, describe the Christian worldview and its basis, articulate the Gospel, and recognize many of the ideas and arguments indicative of non-biblical worldviews.

Each lesson will include:

- VIDEO episode from *Road Trip to Truth* (30 minutes), broken into four segments
- FOUR KEY questions for each student to consider and answer
- Scripted CONNECTION POINTS to help foster conversation
- ADDITIONAL GROUP QUESTIONS, if time permits
- ADDITIONAL RESOURCES for further study and lesson preparation
- Time for PRAYER as a group or individually

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Here is the basic format of the *Road Trip to Truth* Bible Study

- 1 Begin with prayer
- 2 Have the class answer FOUR KEY questions before watching the video.
- 3 Teacher plays segment one of *Road Trip to Truth*.
- 4 Discuss question one using the CONNECTION POINT.
- 5 If time permits, additional questions have been provided.
- 6 Watch segment two (Repeat steps 3-5).
- 7 Session Summaries can be printed and handed out at the end of the class.
(See Appendix A)

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Below is a sample schedule based on one hour and fifteen minutes of class time. Exact timing will vary with segment lengths and success of discussion.

- 6:00–6:05** Open prayer, introduction, and have participants answer all FOUR KEY questions.
- 6:05–6:15** Watch video SEGMENT ONE.
- 6:15–6:20** Discuss segment one and participants' answers to question one.
- 6:20–6:30** Watch video SEGMENT TWO.
- 6:30–6:35** Discuss segment two and participants' answers to question two.
- 6:35–6:45** Watch video SEGMENT THREE.
- 6:45–6:50** Discuss segment three and participants' answers to question three.
- 6:50–7:00** Watch video SEGMENT FOUR.
- 7:00–7:05** Discuss segment four and participants' answers to question four.
- 7:05–7:15** Wrap-up, answer any questions, make announcements, close with prayer.

HELPFUL DISCUSSION TIPS

- **Don't cut short an engaging discussion.** Invest your time where the participants respond best. It's not imperative that you finish all four segments of each session in one sitting.
- **Have a plan, but be flexible.** Allow the students to guide the discussion. In this way you will learn what aspects they are most concerned with.
- **Encourage thoughtful explanations.**
- **Avoid leading questions;** the goal of discussion is not to receive correct answers, but to lead participants to think about their answers.
- **Be prepared to offer correction to false ideas,** especially toward the end of the curriculum, but when possible, guide participants to discover for themselves the flaws in their thinking.

KEY QUESTIONS

Session 1: What is Truth?

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Have participants write their answers to all four questions. We will discuss how their answers change after watching the video segments.

1. Religious beliefs are (choose one)
 - A. Absolutely true or false
 - B. A matter of personal preference (i.e., what is true for you may be different than what is true for me)

2. Christianity is (choose one)
 - A. The only way to God
 - B. One of many ways to God

3. The Bible we have today (choose one)
 - A. Includes mistakes and changes
 - B. Is the same Bible that was written by the original authors

4. The main point of the Bible is to (choose one)
 - A. Show us how to live moral lives
 - B. Reveal the only truth that leads to eternal life

SEGMENT 1: THE LAW OF NON-CONTRADICTION

- VIDEO** Play the first segment of *Road Trip to Truth* episode 1. Encourage participants to take notes. Main ideas:
- Truth is reality, that which corresponds to reality.
 - The same source of truth that stands behind the laws of logic and math stands behind the laws of morality.
 - Belief can be relative, but truth cannot be relative.
 - The law of non-contradiction states that $A=B$ and $A \neq B$ cannot both be true.
 - We know there are moral absolutes, so a moral lawgiver must exist.

- DISCUSSION** Have participants write down if and why their answer to the first question has changed after watching the video. Use the provided connection point to reinforce the truths from the video, point to Scripture, and transition to the next video.

>> Connection Point <<

Truth, by very definition, cannot be relative because it is reality. Reality is not based on interpretation or feelings. People agree that math and logic are based on absolute rules. But the same standard that stands behind the laws of logic and math stands behind the laws of morality. That standard is the holy and unchanging Creator God. Psalm 119:142 says, “Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.” It is this consistent righteousness and justice—the very character of God—that defines morality. If God is the standard of reality that defines truth, then we must look to His Word to find the answer to the question, “What is truth?”

- ADDITIONAL
GROUP
QUESTIONS** As time permits, use these additional questions to help facilitate a group conversation.

1. Do you think “Truth is that which corresponds to reality” is a good definition of truth? Why or why not?
2. One of the students said that even a lie can be the truth if enough people believe in it. What do you think about that perspective?