



## Week 1 Small Group Notes

### INTRODUCTION

Questions are how we develop a grasp on how things work and what we believe. Yet too often, good questions are either aggressively shut down or passively ignored. Such is the case when many people begin to either question the faith they grew up with or question the faith they are investigating. It is not uncommon for people to get turned off by Christianity because it looks like Christians can't—or won't—honestly address hard questions.

### ENGAGE GOD

Read Psalm 16 out loud and then pray through the Psalm as a group.

### ENGAGE FAITH

1. Have you ever been made to feel as if you just asked a dumb question? What effect did that have on subsequent interactions with that person or organization?
2. There are two ways people react to fear: fight or flight. Why do you think Christians sometimes react to questions with fear, intimidation, or avoidance?
3. If Christianity is an evidence-based faith, what role does faith fill? Look up the following verses for some ideas.
  - a. Galatians 2:20
  - b. Ephesians 2:8-9
  - c. Hebrews 11:1, 6
4. This week's message presented three evidences for God. What make each of these evidences important? What might be arguments against them?
  - a. Romans 1:20: Aesthetic evidence
  - b. Romans 2:14-15: Moral evidence
  - c. 1 John 1:1: Historical evidence
5. For you, does talking about evidence take power away from faith, or add confidence in it?

### ENGAGE THE WORLD

Based on today's study, how would you change your approach when your Oikos ask about your faith?