Believing In God Exploring The Bible With 5 7s Beginning With God

In this ten-session video-based small group Bible study, Faith Under Fire: Exploring Christianity's Toughest Questions, Lee Strobel hosts interviews and debates between knowledgeable and passionate experts discussing what they believe and why they believe it. This dynamic study answers tough questions about the existence of God, Christianity and Islam, the reliability of the Bible, faith and science, and many others issues. In it, best-selling author Lee Strobel hosts spirited discussions between well-respected Christians, people of other faiths, and people with no faith at all, on the some of the most important spiritual and social issues of our time. The Participant's Guide will help you and your group sift through and gain understanding on controversial and relevant issues that surround the Christian faith and many of its most pertinent cultural issues. Each video session features lively but fair debate from both leading Christian and non-Christian voices. This pack includes one Participant Guide and one DVD. Sessions include: 1. Is the Supernatural Real? 2. Is Jesus a Prophet or the Son of God? 3. Did Jesus Rise from the Dead? 4. Do All Roads Lead to God? 5. Is

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In a Geography of God, popular author and preacher Michael Lindvall describes the life of a Christian as a journey with three parts: "Leaving for Home," "The Way," and "Life on the Road." The first part of the journey struggles with the question, why go anywhere at all, spiritually speaking? The second part names the road, the way found in the ancient map of God called the Trinity. The third part describes life on the road as many others have known it: full of mile markers, road signs, warnings of perilous curves, refreshments for the weary, and notices of lively things to be seen along the way. This wonderfully written book provides readers with some hints about what they may experience during their individual journeys. This book is ideal as devotional reading for all Christians, and it provides helpful explanations of many of Christianity's foundational beliefs for those new to the Christian faith. Educators and pastors will also welcome the book as a help for sermon illustrations and adult and young adult study classes. A much-needed addition to the emerging literature on the formative power of religious practices, "Educating People of Faith" creates a vivid portrait of the lived...
practices that shaped the faith of Jews and Christians in synagogues and churches from antiquity up to the seventeenth century. This significant book is the work of Jewish, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant scholars who wished to discover and describe how Jews and Christians through history have been formed in religious ways of thinking and acting. Rather than focusing solely on either intellectual or social life, the authors all use the concept of practices as they attend to the embodied, contextual character of religious formation. Their studies of religious figures, community life, and traditional practices such as preaching, sacraments, and catechesis are colorful, detailed, and revealing. The authors are also careful to cover the nature of religious education across all social levels, from the textual formation of highly literate rabbis and monks engaged in Scripture study to the local formation of illiterate medieval Christians for whom the veneration of saints' shrines, street performances of religious dramas, and public preaching by wandering preachers were profoundly formative. "Educating People of Faith" will benefit scholars and teachers desiring a fuller perspective on how lived practices have historically formed people in religious faith. It will also be useful to practical theologians and pastors who wish to make the resources of the past available to practitioners in the present. Contributors: John C. Cavadini Anne L. Clark Lawrence S. Cunningham Joseph
A fresh way of exploring the Christian faith, taking the familiar words we repeat in services week by week to explore core Christian belief. Ideal for confirmation courses, study groups and individual reading.

Jesus wants mature disciples. This book shows how to squeeze joy out of sorrow, truth from pain, and make permanent advances for the Savior.

Relates the author’s efforts to eulogize a beloved rabbi who is near death, while at the same time befriending a Detroit pastor who gives spiritual guidance to the poor and homeless, and describes how observing these two different religious leaders rekindled his own faith.

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Beginning theology students often find themselves bewildered by a maze of beliefs
represented in Christian history and tradition. Don Thorsen's An Exploration of Christian
Theology unravels the knots of theology by exploring the whole Christian tradition in a simple
and straightforward way. Beginning with introductory chapters on theology, revelation, and
authority, this book deals with biblical teaching and Christian tradition related to such topics as
God, creation, sin, Jesus Christ, salvation, and eschatology. Chapters conclude with helpful
questions for further reflection and discussion and a convenient glossary of theological terms is
included. This is an excellent introduction to Christian theology for classroom or individual use.
It has been said that science and religion aren't friends. Indeed, science and scientists are
preferably shunned in conservative religious circles. Seeing God through Science, however,
emphatically dispels that notion. This book compellingly shows how science is, in point of fact,
a potent support for religious faith. From the powerful, universal, biological drives of living
organisms to the unimaginable vastness of the universe, science cogently frames the
fundamental questions of meaning and purpose. Answers to these questions, however, lie
outside science. It is solely through religious revelation that acceptable answers close the
circle of enquiry into truth. In addition, examples from the sciences of genetics and cosmology
illustrate the typical pattern of metascience, i.e. the process of science, which advances toward
a frontier, only to generate further avenues of exploration, but never reaches a finality of
knowledge. Thus, metascience steers enquiry to a supernatural reality, answerable only
through religious revelation. This book shows how modern science is now entering a new
phase, where what is unattainable by the science of nature constitutes a message to
humankind that there exists a supernatural being who created, and controls, the universe.
Modern science is now coming to prove God.
Using common building blocks to create interactive Bible stories
Offers dozens of examples of how some of the most common challenges to Christian thought can be addressed, including why God allows evil, how Christianity relates to modern science, and what proof exists that God is real.
There is one commonality among every saint: they all have deep faith in God that was lived out in their daily lives. Fr. Maurice Emelu explains here how the faith of Abraham, Moses, Mary, and other biblical figures evolved, and how their journey serves as a roadmap for how our faith-life can be built, nourished, and grown. Drawing on his West African roots as well as his many years of pastoral ministry, Fr. Emelu combines the story-telling culture of Africa with a Western worldview to offer a unique perspective on the nature of faith and what it means to grow closer to the Lord. Theological yet practical, these pages show you what the journey of faith looks like, and explains the essential elements to a life of faith which can transform not only lives, but society itself. You'll also learn: The four main stages of every person’s journey of faithHow you can grow from the elementary forms of divine realization to deeper awareness of GodHow the journey of faith proceeds from the simple to the complex, and from the known to the unknownHow faith is essential for understanding truth and fully realizing the gift of reasonWhy Abraham and the Blessed Mother are the best models for living out God’s willThe various forms of doubt that can hurt – and even help – our relationship with the LordWays in which faith can break the boundaries of fear and prideHow faith is a source of unity not division among peoplesFaith is not an individual’s private dominion. It is the core of our identity as religious beings. Read this book, and you will not only deepen your own faith in God, you will develop a greater appreciation of the transforming power of faith.
Will help you break through the superficial generalities to plumb the depths of religious differences and embrace the commonalities.
In this groundbreaking book, Dr. Jeff Levin explores the latest compelling evidence of the connection between health and an array of spiritual beliefs and practices, including prayer, attending religious services, meditation, and faith in God. Drawing on his own and other published studies, Dr. Levin shows how religion's emphasis on healthy behaviors and supportive relationships influences one's overall health and how the optimism and hopefulness of those who profess faith promote the body's healing responses. Filled with dramatic personal stories, God, Faith, and Health will alter the way you think about your body and your faith and will show you the path to improving your own health through spiritual practice.
"Jeff Levin writes with incredible clarity, style, and passion. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the religion-health connection, especially those wondering if such a connection exists at all."
-Harold G. Koenig, M.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, and author of The Healing Power of Faith

"Beautifully written and packed with compelling scientific evidence for the spirituality-health connection. . . . With the precision of a scientist, the courage of a true pioneer, and the artistry of a storyteller, Levin reminds us of what we can no longer afford to ignore: that our spiritual life matters mightily to our health and well-being at every level."
-Janet F. Quinn, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor, University of Colorado School of Nursing

'Ordinary theology' characterizes the reflective God-talk of the great majority of churchgoers, and others who remain largely untouched by the assumptions, concepts and arguments that academic theology takes for granted. Jeff Astley coined the phrase in his innovative study,
Ordinary Theology: Looking, Listening and Learning in Theology, arguing that 'speaking statistically ordinary theology is the theology of God's Church'. A number of scholars have responded to this and related conceptualizations, exploring their theological implications. Other researchers have adopted the perspective in examining a range of Church practices and contexts of Christian discipleship, using the tools of empirical study. Ordinary theology research has proved to be key in uncovering people's everyday lay theology or ordinary dogmatics. Exploring Ordinary Theology presents fresh contributions from a wide range of authors, who address the theological, empirical and practical dimensions of this central feature of ordinary Christian existence and the life of the Church.

Today, everyone is incredibly busy. It can be hard to enjoy your spirituality or observe your faith when you have so many demands on your time. Just accept the fact that religion is important and start to make it a priority. You might be confused about your faith. You don't have time to make the journey from unknowing to knowing. That is OK. This book will show you how to make this journey without taking up a lot of time or work. You might know just what you believe in, but you feel separated by God. You feel guilty for not following your faith or going to church. Don't feel guilty. Just read this book and learn how to slip religion into your daily life without taking too much time. Also learn how to connect with God in today's modern, non-religious society. While most people neglect spirituality's value, you can remain steadfast in your faith. Stand out from
the crowd. This book will show you how to stay religious and add spirituality to your life even when society doesn't encourage it. This book is an objective guide for all faiths and all dominations. You can gain a lot of insight into making your faith a priority and feeling good about your religion. You can also strengthen your faith and your spiritual health, even with your busy, fast-paced schedule. Embrace your faith and start to inject it into your busy daily life using the tips in this guide.

An easy-to-use and comprehensive guide that explores the intriguing dogma and rituals, cultural convictions, and often-checkered backgrounds and histories of the world's religions.

The theology of C. S. Song begins with the conviction that God is at work in our lives and our world, often in ways we hardly perceive. Interrogating our own experience in the light of the Gospel is, for him, the heart of theology. In this volume Professor Song engages nine perennial and perplexing questions of faith, leading the reader on a journey of exploration tracing the footsteps of God in a religiously plural postmodern world. - Publisher.

Does your life seem to be stuck in the mud? Do you seem to be living life in a hog pen? Natural disasters, financial ruin, wrongful accusations, terminal illnesses-Why Do Bad Things Happen? It's the question of all humanity. Have
you wondered where the power and protection of God is and whether or not your God could be behind these things? Did God cause the blind man to be born blind? Did God cause Job's turmoil? After being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2000 and being injured at work and needing neck surgery in 2009, the Lord revealed IFHOOG to author Jeff Beeson. The acronym stands for increased faith, humility, and obedience and God's glory, received and returned, and it's a set of principles Jeff has come to live by and wishes to share with you. What makes Christianity unique is Jesus, and Jesus modeled IFHOOG perfectly during his time on earth-through the good and the bad. God hopes for the same response from us—an increase in faith, obedience, and humility and a chance to receive God's glory and to return glory to God. His purpose for all bad situations—whether given or allowed by him—is to prepare us to witness, to serve, and to love God in a deeper way. Dive into Why Do Bad Things Happen? and discover how the principles of IFHOOG will enrich your life whether you are going through good or bad times.

Alister McGrath unpacks the content of the Apostles' Creed and introduces us to the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Exploring the relation between popular religious participation and beliefs about
God, human suffering, Jesus Christ and the church, this empirical-theological study offers the picture of a complementary relation between popular religiosity and official religion within Italian Catholicism. Do You Need God? explores the similarities of religious and secular moral systems and the great deal which they have in common and asks whether aggressive secularists seek to divert our attention from that. With no bias, no axe to grind, no mercy, the book tells you what you need to know about world religions and atheism, including what their followers might prefer not to talk about. The author burrows underneath conventional approaches to religion, to find the real thing, to get to see how believers see their spirituality.

They must be gullible to believe something that cannot be proven. They are easily led and can be made to believe things not supported by fact. They are victims of rules that stifle creativity. They are judgmental, with a "holier than thou" attitude. Who are "they"? To some people, "they" are Christians, and the statements represent issues people have with Christianity. In "Christians Can't Lose," author Gregg George sets the record straight. He writes about the many issues people have against Christianity and explains why Christians believe what they do. He calls on skeptics to keep an open mind about a Christian's belief in God because supposed evidence to the contrary may not be as compelling as
they think. George also calls on Christians to behave in a way that magnifies the Lord and shows the world the true love of Christ. He presents a case for believing in God simply because a believer cannot lose. Even if God does not exist, a Christian loses nothing for his belief. However, if God really does exist, a Christian will gain eternal life with God, while a nonbeliever will suffer eternal banishment from the presence of God. The choice should be quite simple. "Christians Can't Lose" will help nonbelievers learn more about what Christians believe and who they are. For Christians, the author reminds them how to be an effective role model and God's representative on earth. It is about understanding on both sides of the belief coin.

God has given us the authority to overcome all things. If we are to rule and reign over the universe with Christ, we must take dominion over this world-over death-over our circumstances. If we are going to rule in the name of the king of kings and Lord of Lords, then, we must take dominion over multiple violations, attacks, and things around us that Satan is doing. It is believed that 85% of our mind is a limiting mind that allows only one or two thoughts at a time to come to us. A genius has the ability to unlimit his mind and receive more and more thoughts simultaneously. The truth of the matter is-the battle is in your mind. It is time for Christians to let God take them from a defeated human mentality into an
overcoming God-like mentality. None of the phony concepts about Satan can enter your mind when you walk in greater dimension of our God, and in the mind of Christ. You will begin to find yourself walking in THE LAND of possibility with a faith that is a living, breathing, growing, expanding, dynamic faith. You will marvel as you see the land of impossibility fade away behind you. As you begin to walk in His likeness and as you begin to imitate Him, and from glory unto glory you are transformed into His beautiful image, and men begin to see the Gospel being proclaimed by your life instead of just hearing the Gospel put forth from your lips, then a disciplined, ordered, informed, active, superior God mind will develop in you and manifest the POWER OF GOD. 'From Glory To Glory' is a one year devotional mentorship program. A unique collection of valuable concepts, thoughts, poetry and most importantly scriptural truths that enlightens, enliven and enrich life. This timeless transformational book, from wise men and women of past and present, is designed to give you the whole counsel of God, exploring concepts of success, leadership, faith, prosperity, victory, marriage and many more. Your spirit will be enriched and your mind enlightened as you read through the daily expositions. This is a great book for a resource, ideas, illumination and a burst of hope and inspiration for those willing to walk in dominion and to live FROM GLORY TO GLORY.
A psychiatrist explores how the Christian faith can play an important part in bringing relief to OCD sufferers. Miracles are woven into the fabric of society. From Genesis to Revelation, they are threads that run throughout the entire tapestry of Scripture. It seems, however, that our society has waged an all-out assault on miracles and their relevance. Today, biblical miracles are brushed aside as mere superstition or myth, while God is dismissed as unnecessary. Is there really a wonder-working God? Prayer is a powerful thing. It is a two-way conversation between a holy God and those He has chosen to redeem. Prayer is not powerful because of the words we choose, nor based upon the amount of faith that we possess, but because we serve an awesome God, who is able to step into our natural world and work miracles on our behalf. So, the question is not whether there is a God, but rather how big is your God? Our faith is literally stitched together by God's miraculous power.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed of ad 381 was a key statement in the context of the theological controversies and confessional atmosphere of the fourth-century church. Alexander Irving explores Christian belief about God, creation and redemption, as it is expressed in the Creed. He thereby contributes to the continuing task of the church's self-examination of its talk about God. Irving
shows the importance of tradition and the intrinsic relationship between thought in the church today and thought in the church across time. He sets the Creed in its historical and theological contexts, and connects its theology to some areas of contemporary theological inquiry. The Creed sets out the basic parameters of Christian belief. While the specifics of what is believed within those parameters are not determined, there is an internal logic to the Creed's presentation of the Christian faith. The contrast between God's internal and external relations is the theological motif that gives particular shape to the Creed, which expresses an expansive vision of the generosity of God, with his relation to creation grounded in his being as love.

The Bible is full of people who believed in God. Some of them found out about God for themselves. Some had Jesus to show them the way. Faith is the substance or assurance of things we hope for, but have not yet received. Faith (confidence, belief, trust) is also our evidence of that which is not seen—the invisible spiritual things. This book is an artistic exploration and journey of faith. I am coming to terms with reality and growing spirituality. Science proves there are vast laws at work in the universe, laws we barely understand. God is a mystery to me, but even though I only know a little, more will be revealed in time. This is not about the dogma of religion created by men, but about a journey with
a power greater than myself - Christ, a source of infinite love. I aim to imbue this journey into this work.

Why do some people lose their faith? Why do some choose to abandon religious beliefs that were once meaningful to them? And what happens when they do? In this no-holds-barred book, Ruth Tucker tackles the tough questions about losing faith. Providing historical perspective, she looks at the stories of prominent Christians, like Chuck Templeton and Billy Graham, who have struggled with faith. She grapples with difficult philosophical and theological issues, exploring the intractable questions that bring people to the point of losing faith--suffering, science, answer to prayer, hypocrisy in the church, and more. Throughout the book, she explores the testimonies of some who have made the choice to walk away--and some who have returned. Tucker writes not just as a detached observer but as one who has also struggled with doubt and disappointment. In Walking Away from Faith, she shares her from her experience and tells you why she continues to choose faith. Reading her story and her interviews of others, you will find help for working through your own questions and doubts. You will also find insight for ministering to your friends, family, coworkers and neighbors who stumble between belief and unbelief.

David Newman reflects on what it means for Christians to grow to be mature
members of the body of Christ, with faith in a God who acts and themselves actively engaged in the church and the world. This manual explains creative and proven methods for using Tweeting with GOD (#TwGOD), which answers questions about the faith in a fresh and modern way. The program consists of the book Tweeting with GOD, an app, a website, and a presence on various social media. In answer to questions from group leaders and teachers in several countries, now there is this manual to help with maximizing the potential of these resources. Features of this book include: • Instructions for organizing faith-sharing groups for different age levels • Ways to incorporate the program in sacrament preparation programs • Ideas for building trust and encouraging participation • Tips for scheduling and planning meetings www.tweetingwithgod.com/en
The Mystery of Faith explores the essentials of Christian belief and the ancient spiritual practices that enable us to live and flourish in the light of God’s grace. It is written for those who are new to the Christian faith, are curious about it, want to understand their faith better or make more meaningful connections between faith and life. Using the structure of the Apostles Creed it offers clear explanations of core beliefs through the God we encounter in creation, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit who makes God known.
in our world and in our lives today. John-Francis Friendship draws on the riches of the Christian tradition and his own experience of Religious life to introduce practices that guide our daily living as God’s people: prayer, scripture, the sacraments, worship, the company of saints. Throughout, questions for reflection and discussion make this an ideal resource for faith formation for individual and groups.
The author of Quantum Theology presents a synthesis of science, theology, and spirituality while exploring the meaning of evolution and the spiritual underpinnings of the new sciences. Original.
The term Believers' Church refers to those who regard the church as the fellowship of regenerate followers of Jesus Christ. Membership in these churches is founded on a voluntary confession of Jesus as Lord. Each member has access to God in worship and prayer and accepts responsibility for carrying the gospel to the world. The Word of God serves as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Written by capable thinkers in the Believers' Church tradition, The People of God addresses key issues in the area of ecclesiology. The contributions represent a wide variety of mature theological reflection. Exploring these ecclesiological concerns from a theological, biblical, historical, and contemporary perspective, these essays reflect the unity and diversity of the Believers' Church heritage.

Religion can be both inspiring and distressing. And many critiques of it are simultaneously compelling and dubious. Shay examines atheist arguments with a refreshing modern eye in this comprehensive look at our most fundamental questions about faith and reason. Prominent atheists claim the Bible is a racist text. Yet Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. read it daily. Then again, so did many ardent segregationists. Some atheists claim religion serves to oppress the masses. Yet the classic text of the French Revolution, What is the Third Estate?, was written
by a priest. On the other hand, the revolutionaries ended up banning religion. What do we make of religion’s confusing role in history? And what of religion’s relationship to science? Some scientists claim that we have no free will. Others argue that advances in neurobiology and physics disprove determinism. As for whispering to the universe, an absurd habit say the skeptics. Yet prayer is a transformative practice for millions. This book explores the most common atheist critiques of the Bible and religion, incorporating Jewish, Christian, and Muslim voices. The result is a fresh, modern re-evaluation of religion and of atheism. In Knowing Me, Knowing God, Malcolm Goldsmith provides an easy-to-follow introduction to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator as it pertains to the spiritual life. The heart of this book is a spirituality questionnaire and its interpretation in connection to spirituality. The intent of the book is to explore ways in which persons might best open their hearts and minds to God. Knowing Me, Knowing God is a valuable resource for retreat leaders, worship committee members, spiritual directors, prayer group members, and others who are looking for material that help them focus on the needs of their community. The spirituality questionnaire is designed for personal completion as an integral part of the total book. It can, however, be used in small groups to stimulate discussion.

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