

# **The Reason for God**

St. Peter tells us: "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you..." (1 Peter 3:15, ESV) Would you be able to "make a defense" if someone asked you any of the following questions:

Why does God allow suffering in the world?

How could a loving God send people to Hell?

Why isn't Christianity more inclusive?

How can one religion be "right" and the others "wrong"?

Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God?

These are just a few of the questions and doubts even ardent believers wrestle with today. In our Bible Study, *The Reason for God*, we will address each doubt and discover explanations for each reason. Through videos and discussion, we will discover how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief, held by thoughtful people of intellectual integrity with a deep compassion for those who truly want to know the truth.

Week 1 & 2: Isn't the Bible a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity?

Week 3 & 4: How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God? What About Other Religions?

Week 5 & 6: What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life? Why Are There So Many Rules?

Week 7 & 8: Why Does God Allow Suffering? Why Is There So Much Evil in the World?

Week 9 & 10: Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice? Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites?

Week 11 & 12: How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time? How Can God Send Good People to Hell?