

HOW TO USE THE DISCUSSION GUIDE AND DVD

Welcome to *The Reason for God*. This discussion guide and accompanying DVD will help you and your group learn how to engage others in conversations on faith and life. Specifically it will help you think about six common objections to Christianity.

The guide and DVD are not about getting armed with arguments and answers so that they can be used as generic responses whenever anyone asks you about your faith. Rather you should start to become conversant with ways to sensitively, gently, humbly, and respectfully talk about the objections—whether in the context of a friendship or a group setting.

Each of the “discussions” that make up this guide focuses on an objection to Christianity. During the discussions you will:

- Read an opening thought and a summary of the objection
- Watch a DVD segment (about 20 minutes)
- Work through discussion questions about the DVD
- Read a final thought
- Pray

The DVD segments are of Dr. Timothy Keller filmed live and unscripted with a group of new friends sharing their beliefs and their thoughts about the objections. The group met over a six-week period and discussed each objection for about an hour and a half, and then each person was interviewed for about ten minutes. The DVD segments therefore represent only a portion of the actual discussions and interviews.

After each discussion question you will see notes in gray boxes. These are not intended as answers to be read aloud; rather they are notes to help guide and direct the discussion. Those leading the group should read these notes in advance and then ask members of the group to read sections, headings, or paragraphs aloud as necessary to keep the group focused and on topic.

This guide uses the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible.