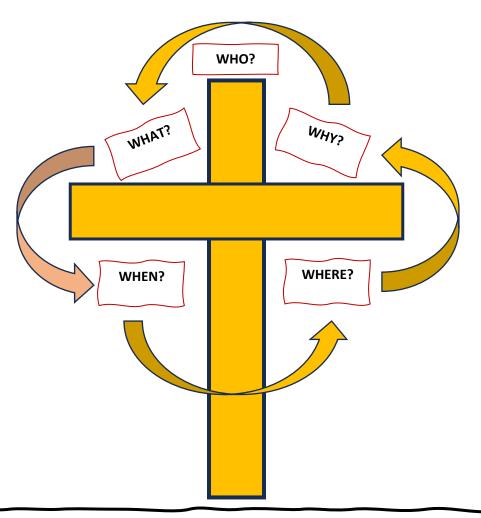
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- 1. Exhortation
- 2. Consolation
- 3. Delusion
- 4. Busybody
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I. STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL

2 Thess.2:13-17

- 1. If God is such a loving and patient God, why would he give people over to "strong delusion" as explained in 2 Thess. Chapter 2?
- 2. Questions about God's compassion and kindness often arise when people are suffering and innocence is exploited. These questions may even arise in the body of believers. What would be a good response to such questions?

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II. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD

2 Thess. 3:1-5

1. Paul urged the church in Thessalonica to pray for him and the other leaders that were with him. Specifically, he asked for "deliverance from "unreasonable and wicked men". A real and present threat in those times. What type of threats do church leaders face today and how does prayer help if at all?

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III. KEEP ON DOING GOOD

2 Thess. 3:6-18

1. 2 Thess. Vs. 10-12 addresses issues that are not commonly faced in the modern church. Paul refers to them as "disorderly". Explain what Paul was referring to and your thoughts on why this isn't a prevalent issue today.

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Evangelism exercise

Instructions for Volunteers

One will act as the "believer" (someone familiar with the gospel and wanting to share it), the other as the "unbeliever" (someone curious or unsure about Christianity). The goal is for the believer to lovingly and clearly walk the unbeliever through the steps of the Roman Road, using questions and explanations at each step.

Here are a few examples of opening questions

- If tonight you didn't wake up, do you know where you would spend eternity?"
- Do you ever think about what happens after we die? Why do you think that?
- If you stood before God and He asked, why should I let you into heaven? What would you say?
- Do you believe in heaven or hell? Where do you think you would go?
- If what you believe right now wasn't true, would you want to know?
- What do you think happens when you die?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Tips for Using These Questions

- Speak with genuine care rather than confrontation.
- Listen attentively to the answer so your follow-up is conversational, not formulaic.
- Ask permission before sharing your own story or beliefs: "Would you be interested in hearing what I believe about eternity?" These kinds of questions are designed not just to provoke thought but to start open, honest, and caring conversations about the most important matters of life and eternity.