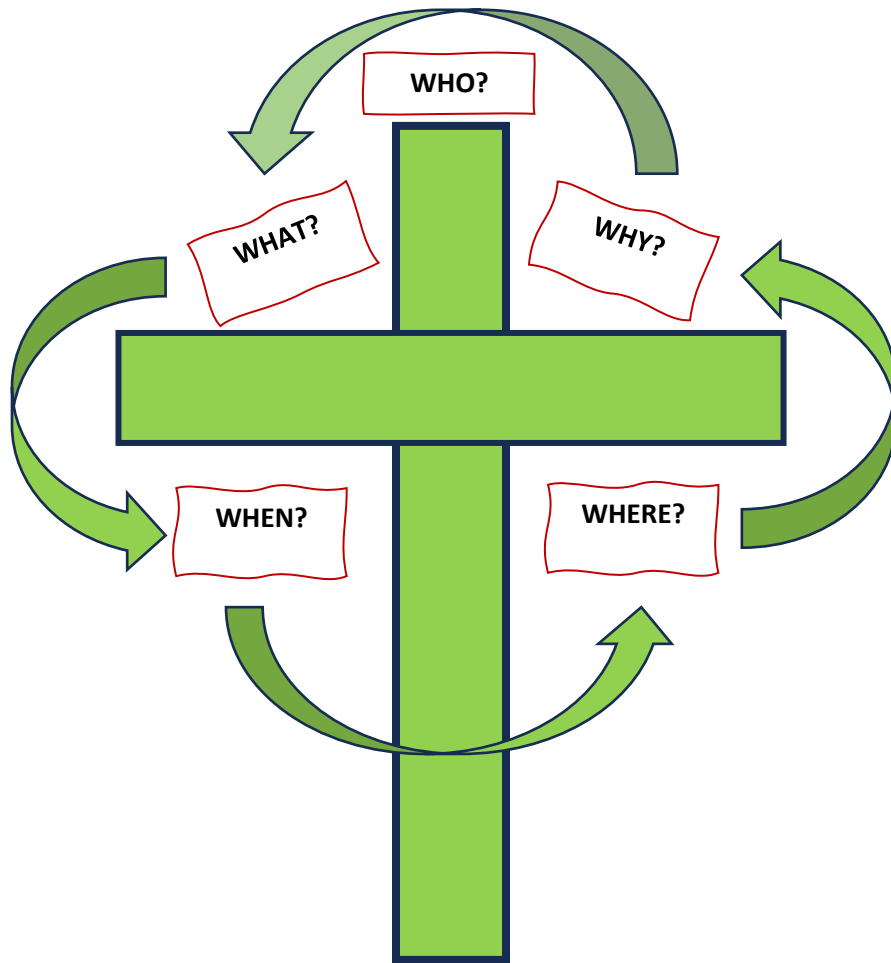


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1. – INFERIOR
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I. GOD GIVES INSTRUCTIONS

Josh. 5:1-13-6:10

1. Why was Jericho the first primary target to be destroyed by the Israelites? Spiritually, how can this be applied to us as Believers?
2. What are your thoughts about the sustained silence while they marched around the walls of Jericho? What can we learn from this?

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II. OBEDIENCE BRINGS VICTORY

Josh. 6:11-17, 20-27

1. 40 years while they walked in the desert, there was much complaining and murmuring, now they make 13 laps around Jericho, and talking was prohibited. Anything special about those details or is it just different methods God used?

III. DISOBEDIENCE BRINGS JUDGEMENT

Josh. 6:18, 19; 7:1-26

1. Israel gets badly beaten during the battle with Ai. What was strange about this event and what can we learn from this?

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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.