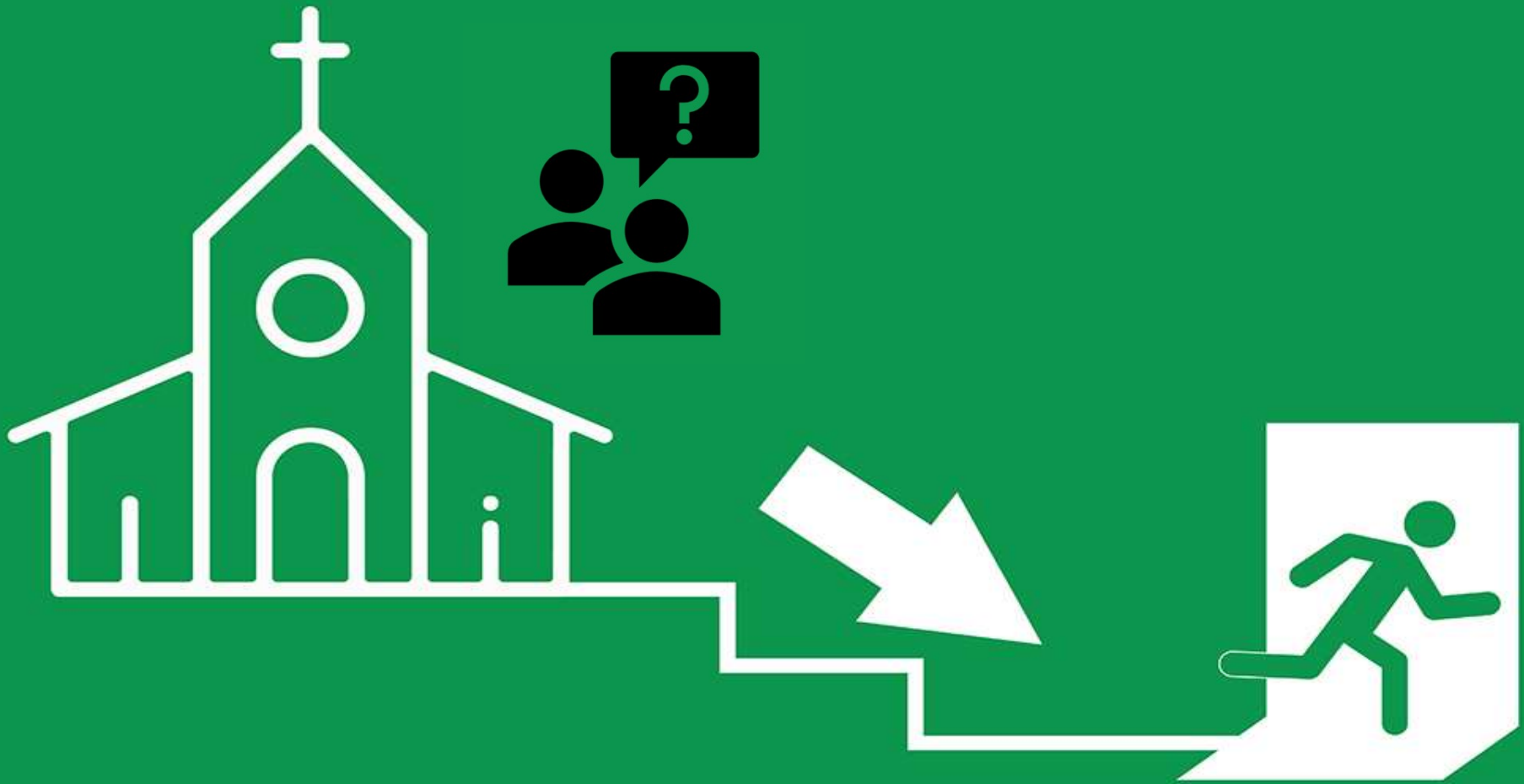


5 Steps for Answering Tough Questions

Solas



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**There's no
evidence...it's
all blind faith!**




Vet #1



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Discussion Time: 5 Minutes

- 1) What's the toughest question about your faith that you've ever been asked by a friend?
- 2) If you've never had that kind of conversation, what's the toughest question you'd hate to be asked?

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- Answer the *questioner*
 - Clarify the question
 - Admit your limitations

SHARE

Sympathise

Hidden Assumptions

Apply the Bible

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Equip



Given All The Options,

Why
JESUS?

Some Resources:

- 'Why I'm a Christian' – Geisler & Hoffman
- 'Do Muslims and Christians Worship the Same God?' – Andy Bannister
- Solas short answers @ www.solas-cpc.org

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Some Resources:

- 'If God, Why Evil?' – Norman Geisler
- 'Where is God in All the Suffering?' – Amy Orr-Ewing
- 'Beyond the Big C: Hope in the Face of Death' – Jeremy Marshall

**Pain &
Suffering?**



Discussion: Violence in the Old Testament?

S is for sympathise
H is for hidden assumptions
A is for apply the Bible
R is for retell the gospel
E is for equip your friend

“Doesn't the God of the Bible have a split personality: judgement in the Old Testament, love in the New Testament?”

Discussion: Violence in the Old Testament?

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Resources:

- *The Skeletons in God's Closet: The Mercy of Hell, the Surprise of Judgment, the Hope of Holy War* – Joshua Ryan Butler
- *God Behaving Badly: Is the God of the Old Testament Angry, Sexist and Racist?* – David Lamb



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