



# Five Steps to Answer Any Tough Question

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# The Church and Questions

# Group Discussion

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?
3. What might be some ways that churches can encourage those who seeking, skeptical, or doubting to feel comfortable to bring their questions?

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What do you mean?

Why do you think that?

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- Be willing to admit your limitations!



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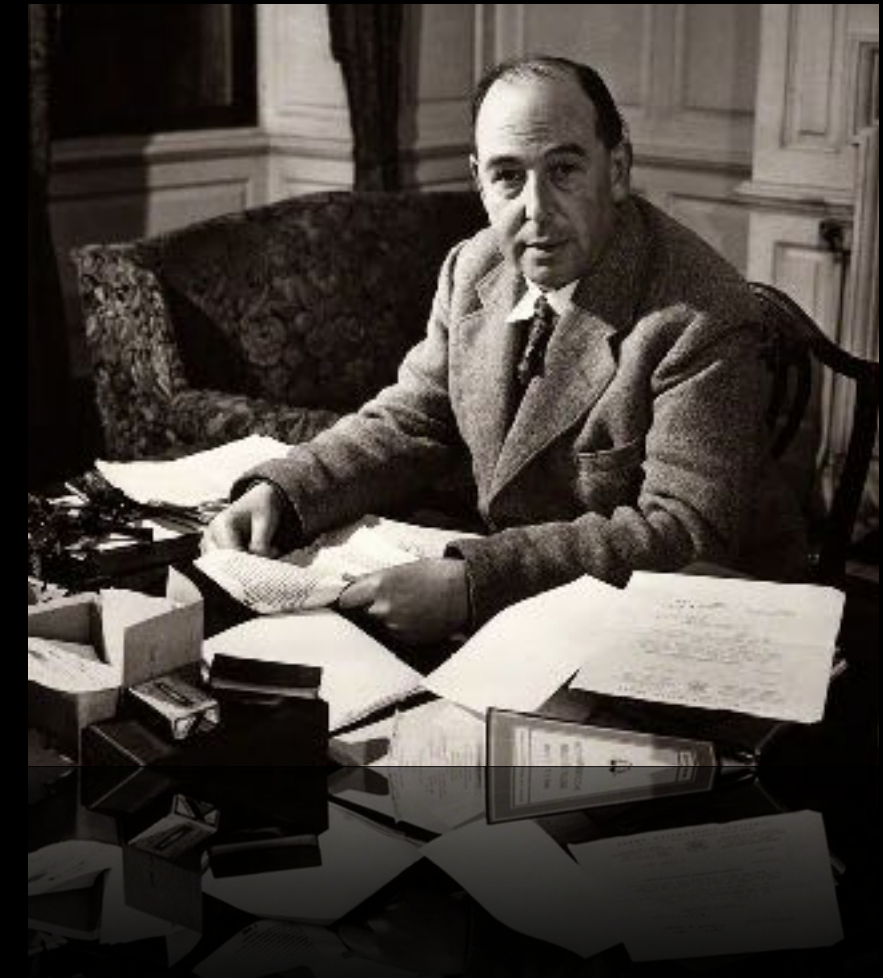
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“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line.”

C. S. Lewis  
*Mere Christianity*



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# Compassion

= com (*with*) + passion (*suffer*)

**= to suffer alongside**





# HARD QUESTION #1

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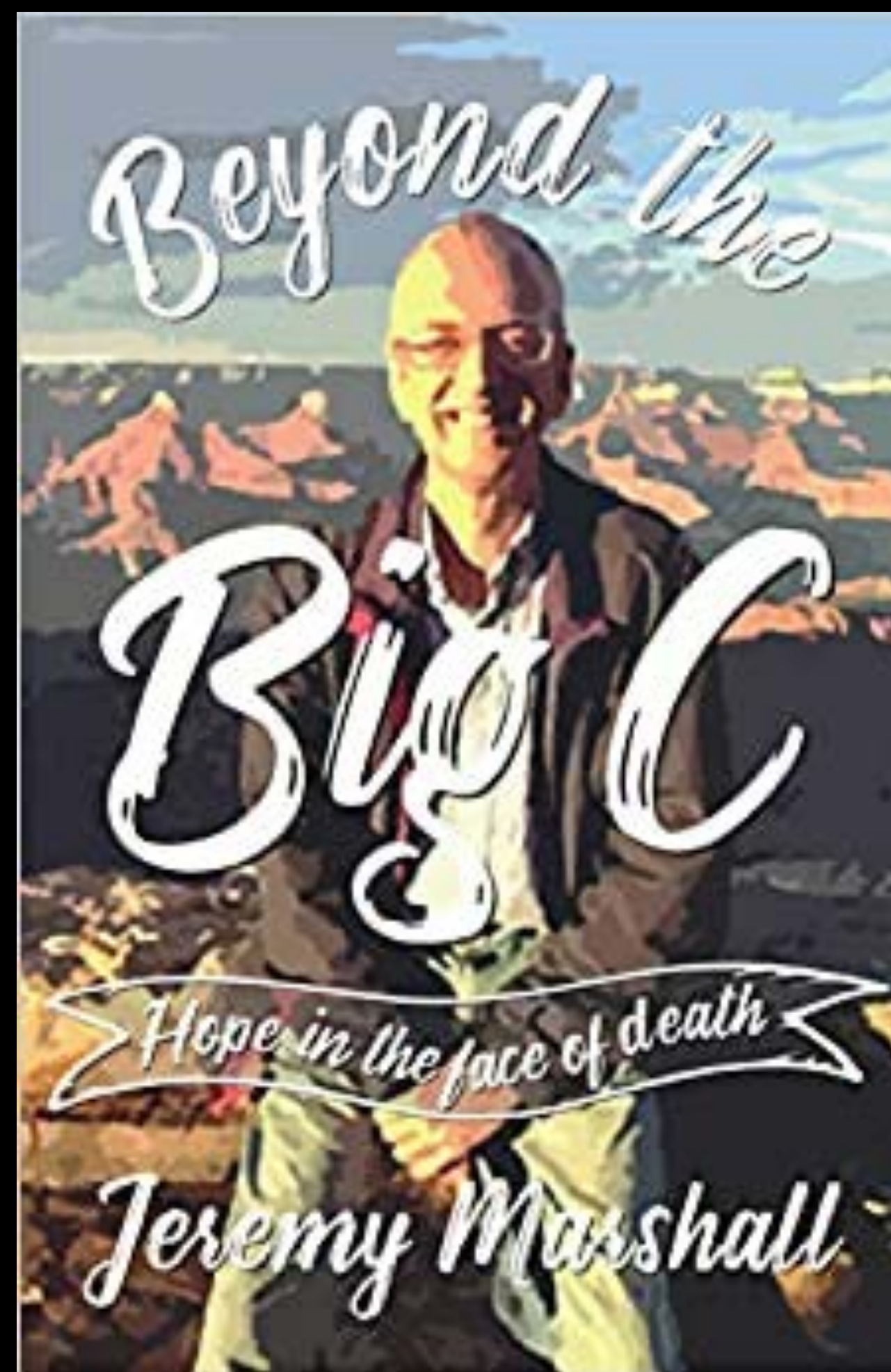
# Why?

Looking at God, evil  
and personal suffering

# Where is God in all the Suffering?

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# Group Discussion

In twos or threes discuss the question “How can you claim Christianity is uniquely true given all the other religions in the world?” and how you might approach it using the S.H.A.R.E. method.

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Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth,  
and the life. Nobody comes to the  
Father except through me.”

John 14:6

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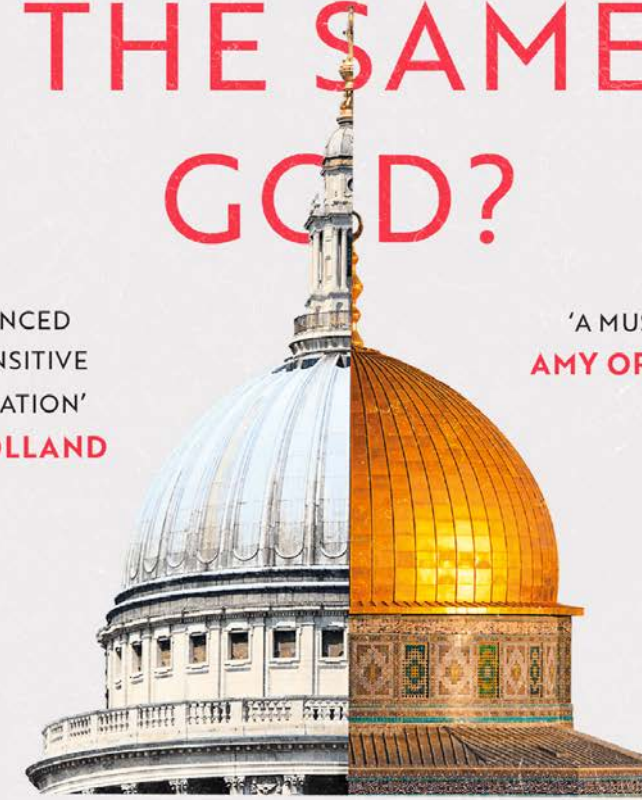
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Short/Answers

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Why is God Against My Sexual Freedom?

Doesn't Christianity Imply More Progress?

Why Are There So Many Different Gods in Religions?

Is God's Good, Why is There Natural Evil?

Isn't Teaching Your Faith to Your Children 'Brainwashing'?

Was the World a Better Place Without All God?

Is the Sort of Evil Old Testamental More Horrifying?

Is Christmas Cruelty?

Why Would God Allow Me to Have Depression?

Why Are Some Athletes So Proud of Changing Their Mind?

Can We Find Hope in Life Without God?

Why do you Christians force your beliefs on others?

How can I know the presence of God in my life?

What about those who stoned Jesus to death?

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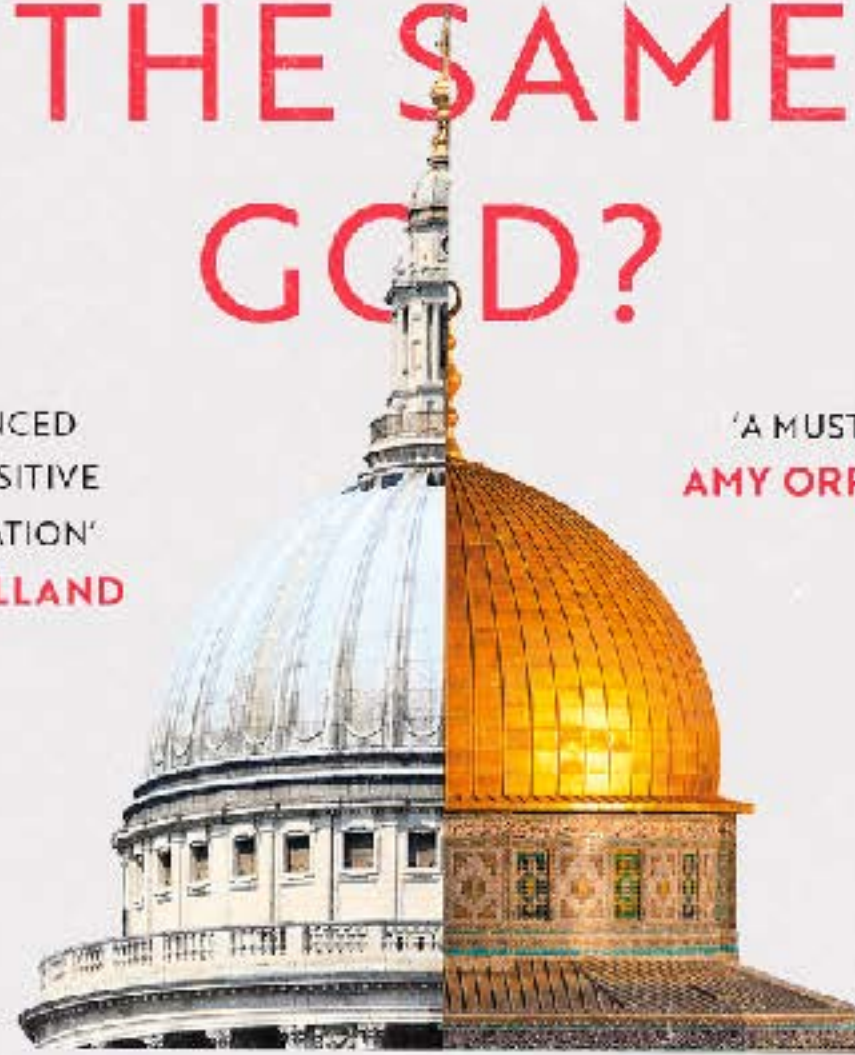
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