

# before you leave...



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## BEFORE YOU LEAVE: YOUR FAITH

Before you leave: your job      April 24, 2022

Before you leave: your state      December 27, 2020

From 20,000 to 5!

**JOHN 6:14-15, 25-29, 66-69**

### TEN REASONS WHY PEOPLE LEAVE THEIR FAITH:

**PROVERBS 18:17**

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

*"Science actually got started in a very explicitly theistic - indeed Christian - milieu..... Christian theological ideas had a huge role in the formation and foundation of modern science."*

*Dr. Stephen C. Meyer, Science Historian*

HOW & WHAT VS. WHY & WHO

**GENESIS 1:1**

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

2,000 VS. 500

**JOHN 14:6**

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

**MATTHEW 19:13-15**

#### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

CHRISTIANS WHO AREN'T LIKE CHRIST.

**2 CORINTHIANS 4:7**

5. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

SALEM WITCH TRIAL VS. 20TH CENTURY ATHEISTS

6. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

ORGANIZED RELIGION VS. DISORGANIZED RELIGION

MATTHEW 28:18-20

7. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING

HEBREWS 4:14-15

MATTHEW 11:28

8. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18

HEBREWS 13:4

9. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

GALATIANS 3:28

REVELATION 7:9

PSALM 139:13-16

10. \_\_\_\_\_ REASONS

HEBREWS 9:27

PASCAL'S WAGER

**Fill in the blanks:** Scientific, Biblical, Personal, Experience, Historical, Religious, Philosophical, Moral, Political, Busyness

*The following questions are provided for your personal reflection and application and for you to discuss with your family, friends, and Life Group. If you are missing any Study Guides, they are available at the Connect Center or online with the sermon archives each week.*

## OPEN UP

Do you carefully route your trip before traveling somewhere new, or figure it out as you go?

## READ THIS

Hebrews 3:12-19

## ASK THIS

How is sin deceitful (v. 13)? How have you experienced this in your own life?

Can you identify times where you have hardened your heart to God (v. 15)? What happened?

How is Christian community meant to keep us true to God? How would you describe your community right now?

## READ THIS

2 Peter 1:3-11

## ASK THIS

From what do we escape when we live in the promises given by God? Why is that valuable to you?

## ASK THIS

What is the danger of not adding the qualities outlined in these verses (goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness, and love) to your faith?

How does this passage encourage you to keep growing and improving?

## READ THIS

Hebrews 10:19-39

## ASK THIS

What is gained by holding on to hope? How does having hope affect your everyday life?

What is sacrificed by choosing sin over Christ?

How does this passage influence your perspective on earthly trials, knowing you have 'better and lasting possessions' waiting for you?

## DO THIS

Christian community can not only encourage us, but also “spur us toward love and good deeds” (Heb 10:24). We were made to live out our faith in community with one another, so that we can lean on one another for support when we are weary and discouraged. This week, seek out encouragement from other believers. You might consider attending a Sunday service for the first time in a while, joining a Life Group, or even inviting a friend out for coffee.