

Case for Christ

Week 2: Investigating the Case for Christ part 2

Acts 8:26-40 (pg. 912)

Spiritual Sticking Point #1: I _____ Believe

John 20:25 (NLT, pg. 902) One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT, pg. 651) If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Spiritual Sticking Point #2: I Don't _____ to Believe

John 3:18-19 (NLT, pg. 883) "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil."

John 11:35 (NLT, pg. 893) Then Jesus wept.

Spiritual Sticking Point #3: I Don't Know _____ to Believe

Acts 8:34-35 (NLT, pg. 913) The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

Romans 6:23 (NLT, pg. 939) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Spiritual Sticking Point #4: I Do Believe; Isn't That _____?

James 2:19 (NLT, pg. 1020) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

John 1:12 (ESV, pg. 881) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Believe + Receive = _____.

Acts 8:36-38 (NLT, pg. 913) As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" (Some manuscripts add verse 37: "You can," Philip answered, "if you believe with all your heart." And the eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.") He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Final Thought: Spiritual sticking points are a part of everyone's spiritual journey; but are an opportunity for growth and deeper commitment. Will you let God _____?