



## THE REASON FOR GOD

### *Reasoned Belief in an Age of Skepticism*

**Class Description:** Do you ever wrestle with doubts as a Christian or wonder how to respond to tough questions about your faith? In a culture where skepticism is loud and constant, it's easy to feel unprepared. This class walks through Tim Keller's *The Reason for God*, equipping you as young adults to engage with common objections and see that our faith isn't blind—it's thoughtful, grounded, and deeply reasonable.

**Class Teacher:** Jake O'Reilly serves as our Ministry Associate at Emmaus Church. He is married to his incredible wife, Erin. Jake was recently ordained into gospel ministry and is working on a degree at Grimke Seminary.

**Class Resources:** *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller will be provided. Please bring a pen, notebook, and Bible with you.

**Class Outline:** Here is an overview of the topics we will cover through the class.

#### ***Week 1 - Thursday, June 12***

**Title:** Introduction

**Description:** Explaining the reason for the class, objectives through the next few weeks, giving them a walkthrough of what class will look like, introductions of each participant

#### ***Week 2 - Thursday, June 19***

**Title:** There Can't be Just One True Religion

**Description:** This week we will cover the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book. We will be discussing questions like: Is it okay to have doubt? Is religion inherently divisive?

What are some other religions beliefs? Why is Christianity the *One True Religion*? What does faith look like?

***Week 3 - Thursday, June 26***

Title: How Could a Good God Allow Suffering?

Description: This week we will just cover Chapter 2 of the book. We take a closer look at what suffering is and how God is aware of the suffering that plagues the world. We will discuss questions like: Can good things come from suffering? How has God already given the answer for the suffering of this world?

***Week 4 - Thursday, July 3***

Title: Christianity is a Straitjacket and Responsible for So Much Injustice.

Description: This week we will cover chapters 3 and 4 of the book. We will be looking at the purpose behind Christianity and does it limit personal freedom or individual expression. We will attempt to separate the teachings of the Scriptures and who Jesus is from the sinners who fail to follow Christ properly.

***Week 5 - Thursday, July 10***

Title: How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell?

Description: This week we will cover chapter 5 of the book. We will discuss questions like: Can a truly Just God be all Loving? Why would God allow His creation to go to Hell? What is Hell? Where does mercy align with justice?

***Week 6 - Thursday, July 17***

Title: Science has Disproved God and You Can Not Take the Bible Literally.

Description: This final week we will cover chapters 6 and 7 of the book. We will look at how science and God work together. We will look at how the Bible holds up historically, culturally, and literally. We will be continuing part 2 of the book after the institute is over in the Young Adult Ministry.