

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Are You a Christian Atheist?*  
Titus—Wk 5

**ICEBREAKER:** What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "fun"?

**OVERVIEW:** In Titus 1:16 the apostle Paul described the false teachers in Crete like this: "They claim to know God, but they deny him by their works." This is what we might call a "Christian atheist." It is someone who claims to be a Christ-follower, but they deny Christ by the way they live. This week we are going deeper with the nine marks of a Christian atheist to make sure that we are fully honoring God with our lives.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read 1 John 2:3-4. What does this passage mean? Christian atheists are disobedient to Scripture. How do you need to grow in obedience?
3. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What does this passage mean? Christian atheists are uncommitted to church. How do you need to grow in your commitment to church?
4. Read Philippians 4:6. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are prayerless. How do you need to grow in your prayer life?
5. Read Philippians 4:4. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are joyless. How do you need to grow in order to "rejoice in the Lord always"?

6. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does this passage mean? Christian atheists are dismissive of God's word. They treat the Bible like a buffet, accepting the parts that they like, but rejecting the parts that they don't. Are there clear teachings in the Bible that you are struggling to accept? Explain. How do you need to grow in this area?
7. Read Psalm 24:1. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are confused about the ownership of their money. How do you need to grow to become a fully-developed steward of your resources?
8. Read Ephesians 4:29. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are foul with their language. How do you need to grow in honoring God with your words?
9. Read Romans 12:12. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are weak when suffering. How do you need to grow in order to fully honor God, even in the midst of adversity?
10. Read Matthew 5:8. What does this verse mean? Christian atheists are lacking in heart-purity. How do you need to grow in heart-purity?

**The Last Word:** When Christians don't act like Christians, God isn't glorified, Christianity gets a bad name, and Christians don't get to enjoy all the blessings of the Christian life.