



# Hot Topics – The Introduction!

“Jesus is the Answer!”

1 John 2:20-27





# Hot Topics - what is coming up...

27<sup>th</sup> Sept BLM WWJD?

4<sup>th</sup> Oct “Why do I still feel guilty when I know I have been forgiven?”



## Other Questions...

Love your neighbours

Trust

Marriage

Mental Illness

What is Biblical Justice?

Becoming pure

Digital discipleship/Being a Christian on SM

Bush fires and climate change

Predestination

Same sex attraction/wear it purple days



# Introduction

The question behind the question...

- Is there a back story/history to the question?  
In the life of the asker/church?
- Is the question being asked from curiosity or from unprocessed emotion?
- Is the question about stroking the ego, intellectually or otherwise?
- Is it about legalism?
- Is it avoiding hard work?



## Introduction

The question behind the question...

-Is the question a trap?

Dave agrees with me – I am right!

Dave disagrees with me, is obviously wrong, I do not need to take him seriously anymore.



## 1 John 2:20-27

- Ultimate truth is found in Jesus v. 20-23.
- Make sure you remain in Jesus and the Father v. 24.
- We are taught by the Spirit and do not need another teacher v. 26-27.

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# 1 - God Teaches Us

*"...you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit..."*  
v. 27

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2*





# 1 - God Teaches Us

*“But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth...”* John 16:3

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.”* Psalm 32:8



# 1 - God Teaches Us

So do the hard work:

Make time and space for God's input.

Seek to submit your question behind the question to God.

Allow the love of God to work in your heart to shape it to be like the heart of Christ.

Listen more, talk less!

*"My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words."* Proverbs 4:20

## 2 - God Teaches Us Through One Another



*“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:15-16*



## 2 - God Teaches Us Through One another



Others may have done the hard work:

Made time and space for God's input.

Submitted the question behind the question to God.

Had the love of God work in their heart to shape it to be like the heart of Christ.

They may have a more objective position!



## 3 - God Teaches Us Through Life

Pain

Time

Loss

Love

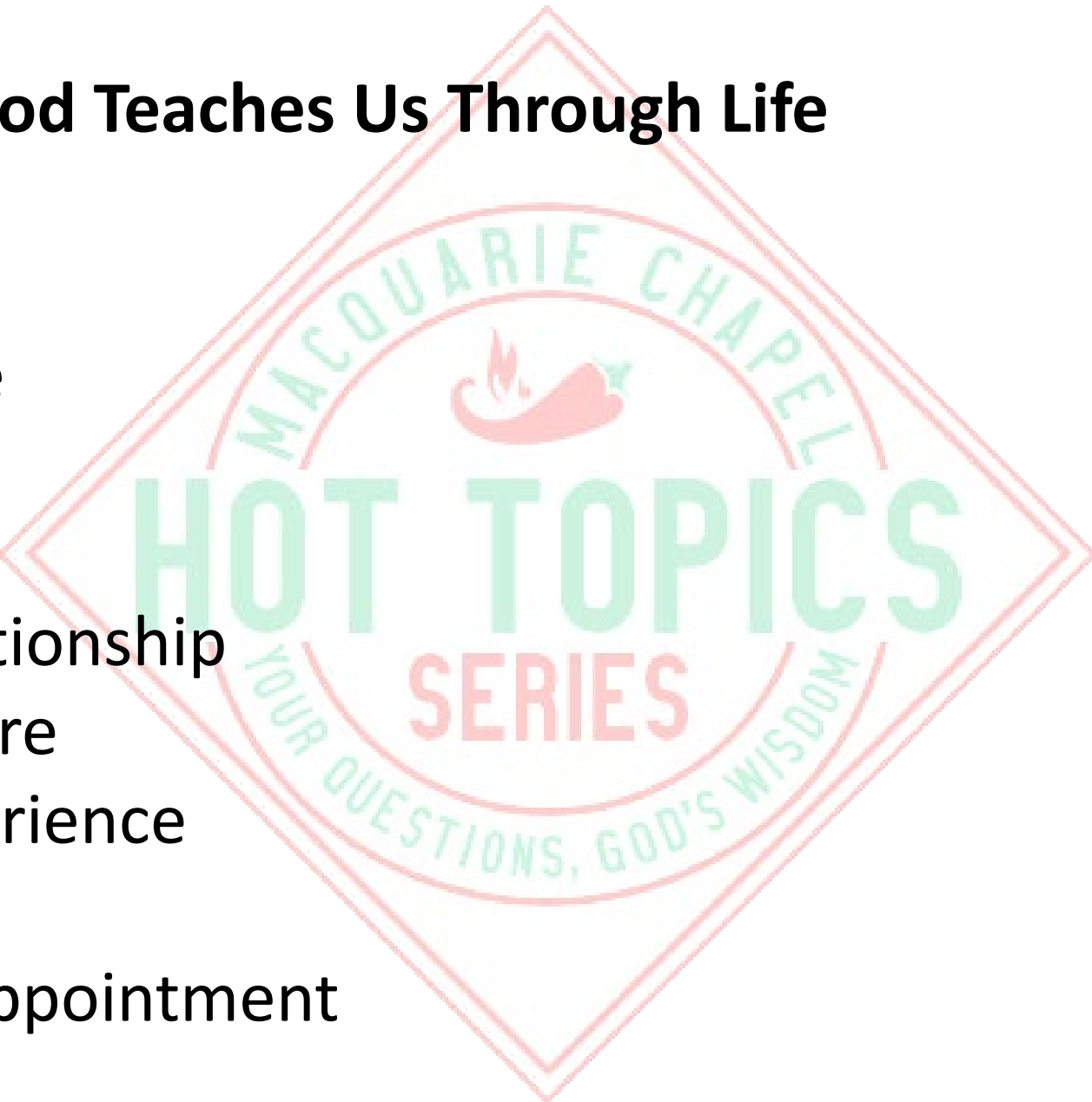
Relationship

Failure

Experience

Joy

Disappointment





### 3 - God Teaches Us Through Life

*“Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.” Deuteronomy 32:7*

# Conclusion

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*“When people play the victim card and bend over backwards to be as offended as possible when they really aren't. Using hissy fits, political correctness, character assassinations, and a false sense of moral, the outrager hopes to gain power and public recognition for their brave act of justice as well as a sense of control over their meaningless existence. Often accompanied by demands for financial compensation for their “Pain and Suffering”.*”





## Conclusion

Do not mimic the current outrage culture  
Do not judge others.

Work on the log in your own eye.

Seek to live in peace with others wherever possible.

Honour others, always.

Everyone has to walk their own journey.

There is a lot of grey.

Above all else, love each other deeply.



## Something to try...

Spiritual Discernment

Indifference

Time and space

Key Stakeholders

Wise people

