

Lesson 5 – Discussion Guide

Use these for small groups, mentoring, or personal reflection after the video.

A. Processing the Big Idea

1. Information Overload

- How do you personally feel the weight of information overload (news, YouTube, social media, podcasts, etc.)?
- How has this ever contributed to confusion or doubt in your faith?

2. Logic and Faith

- Before this lesson, how often did you think about logic (non-contradiction, identity, excluded middle) as part of your Christian life?
 - Can you think of a cultural claim that fails the test of basic logic?
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B. Scripture and Authority

3. Scripture First

- When a hot topic comes up (sexual ethics, politics, justice, suffering, etc.), what usually shapes your view first—Scripture, feelings, friends, or media?
- What would it practically look like for you to “ask the Bible first” before forming strong opinions?

4. Hermeneutics in Real Life

- Take one passage you’ve struggled with in the past. How might the observation–interpretation–correlation–application framework help you understand it better?
 - How might genre or historical background have affected your previous understanding?
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C. Opposing Views & Bias

5. Facing Opposing Views

- Is there a topic where you’ve avoided reading or hearing the opposing position because it felt threatening?
- What might it look like to engage that view carefully and honestly, while staying grounded in Scripture?

6. Checking the Heart

- Think about one issue where you feel especially emotional.
 - Why do you *want* your current view to be true?
 - How might that desire be influencing how you read Scripture or hear arguments?

D. Hills, Categories, and Unity

7. What Hill Is This?

- Choose one current issue in your church or culture. Together, decide: is this a “die for,” “debate,” or “don’t care” hill?
- How could mis-categorizing it create unnecessary division or even deconstruction?

8. Unity in Non-Essentials

- How have you seen Christians damage unity over secondary or preference issues?
 - What would it look like for you to practice humility and patience in those areas?
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E. Strategy & Next Steps

9. Internal, External, Missional

- Of the three strategies (internal, external, missional), which is currently the weakest in your life? Why?
- What is one concrete step you can take this week to strengthen that area?

10. Teaching What You’re Learning

- Who in your life might benefit from this 7-step filter—someone doubting, deconstructing, or just overwhelmed?
- How could you gently share this framework with them in a way that feels helpful, not heavy-handed?

Discussion Questions

1. Think of a recent controversial topic (cultural, ethical, theological). How did you *actually* process it—and did you have a filter, or just react?
2. How could the **first principles of logic** (non-contradiction, identity, excluded middle) practically help you sort through confusing cultural messages?
3. Why is it vital to reaffirm the **authority of Scripture** *before* forming strong opinions on complex issues?
4. How might proper hermeneutics (observation, interpretation, correlation, application) have prevented a misunderstanding of a passage at some point in your life?
5. What fears or hesitations do you feel when you think about seriously considering **opposing views** instead of avoiding them?
6. How honest are you, really, about your own biases (emotional, cultural, political)? What question from this lesson (Why do I want this to be true/untrue?) hits closest to home?
7. The “What hill does this belong on?” grid (to die for / to debate / don’t care) can bring clarity. Which category do you tend to over-stuff—and what problems does that create?

8. If you actually walked a topic through all seven steps—logic, Scripture, hermeneutics, opposing views, bias, hills, and context—how do you think your confidence and peace would change?