

MasterQ

2-3 minute video answers to questions raised at Masterclass

Masterclass is a one-day event for students in Years 9-11 in various locations around the country. We seek to inspire, challenge and equip students to think deeply about the Christian faith in today's world.

If you would like to find out more about Masterclass or register for an event, visit [Masterclass.org.au](https://www.masterclass.org.au)

Is the Bible Trustworthy?

- [How do we know that Jesus existed? Is this just assumed by believers?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [What is the proof that Jesus existed, died and rose again?](#) – Murray Smith
- [How do you know that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did not collaborate?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Does the Bible contradict itself?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Is there anything in the Old Testament that points to Jesus' resurrection?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [Why are there so many translations of the Bible and how do we know which ones to use?](#)
– Darrell L. Bock
- [Do any of Paul's original letters still exist? Are there any original copies of the Gospels? Does it matter?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [What sources other than the Bible attest to Jesus' life, and life after death?](#) – Darrell L. Bock

God and His Character

- [Is God real? How do we know?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do you agree with everything God has done?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [If the Bible says that God is good, how come we have to fear him?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If God is a god of love and mercy, why does he constantly kill people in the Old Testament?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If God is loving, why does he allow bad things to happen?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Is God male or female?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [If the Christian God is real and he is the one and only God, does that mean all other gods are false?](#)
– Richard Shumack

Christian Living

- [How do I know that I'm a Christian?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [If I'm already bringing joy and happiness to people without God, why should I become a Christian?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Does God have a plan for each of us?](#) – Justine Toh
- [Why do Christians do bad things?](#) – Simon Smart



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- [What do I do if someone is holding me back from my faith?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Is church compulsory? What if I find church boring?](#) – Darrell L. Bock
- [How do you stay strong as a Christian?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What should we do and how should we act as Christians when people make fun of us at school?](#)
– Simon Smart
- [How do you know when God is trying to tell you something and speak to you?](#) – Murray Smith
- [How do you know what God wants you to be or do in life?](#) – Murray Smith
- [What is a good practice for continuing to grow in Christianity?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [I love Christ, but I struggle loving myself.](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [I don't feel like I'm really connecting with God even though I go to church and youth group every week. What should I do?](#) – Simon Smart
- [How do you love your enemies when you've been really hurt by them?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Does the spiritual world exist?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [What brought you to know and profess Jesus?](#) – Dan Paterson

Sin and Salvation

- [Does God forgive everyone?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Are some sins worse than others?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Did God really give us freedom if he's determined those who are saved, and those who are not?](#)
– Dan Paterson
- [Why is it bad to follow our own desires?](#) – Natasha Moore

Heaven and Hell

- [Do people who don't believe in Jesus suffer in hell for eternity?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do animals go to heaven?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How is heaven supposed to be perfect when not everyone we love will be there?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Can criminals go to heaven if they join Christ?](#) – Dan Paterson

Science

- [What's your interpretation of Adam and Eve? Is it historical or is it figurative?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Do you believe in old earth creation or young earth creation?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Should Christians be afraid of science?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How would you explain how dinosaurs and the Bible fit together?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Does the multiverse theory undermine the fine-tuning argument for God's existence?](#)
– Dan Paterson
- [What is it about nature that makes you sure that God exists?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Can evolution and the Big Bang co-exist with Christianity?](#) – Dan Paterson

Sex and Relationships

- [As a Christian, can I date a non-Christian?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What are your thoughts on finding true love?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What is God's view on sex?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon

- [Why is sex before marriage such a big issue to God?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [The Bible says to save sex for marriage. What is the limit for when you are in the dating stage?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [As Christians, when we get married are we expected to have children?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What do I do if I struggle with same-sex attraction?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [Would you support a friend if they were getting married to someone of the same sex?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [What does transgender mean – is it just about not fitting the stereotypes of your gender?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [As a Christian, how should I respond to the transgender phenomenon?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [My 15-year-old girl cousin says she is transgender. As a Christian how do I support her?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon
- [I have a gay friend. How can I show Christian love to this person?](#) – Patricia Weerakoon

Suffering

- [Why do some people experience more suffering than others?](#) – Murray Smith
- [Can a Christian suffer depression?](#) – Justine Toh

Christians in the World

- [Why does Christianity always condemn other religions and spread their own religion?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [Why do Christians seem so hateful compared to Jesus, who loved and served people?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What is Christianity's responsibility to 'the other'?](#) – Justine Toh
- [How do we navigate the issue of abortion?](#) – Justine Toh
- [What does the Bible say about feminism and gender equality?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [Should we push a Christian agenda on the world? Should we force all Australians to live God's way?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [I'm a Christian and I want to be a model. Should I do it?](#) – Natasha Moore
- [What's the difference between myself brought up in a Christian home, and someone else brought up in a Muslim home?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Is it wise for a Christian to read and study the Quran or atheist documents as well as studying the Bible?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [How do we handle Islam and ISIS?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Do you think Christianity will be around in 100 years?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Why do you think that people are so accepting of other world religions but are always ready to shut down Christianity?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Where is the tipping point from being a doormat Christian? Is there a limit to loving our enemies?](#) – Simon Smart
- [As Christians, what can we do or say to show that we are different and to show people God's love and God's glory?](#) – Richard Shumack
- [Were the Crusaders true Christians?](#) – Simon Smart
- [Why can we eat bacon, but condemn homosexuality?](#) – Dan Paterson

Discussing Christianity Respectfully

- [What might be a good book in simple language on apologetics to give to an atheist friend?](#)
– Dan Paterson
- [What do we say to our friends that think they have a good enough life without God?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How can we avoid charges of bigotry when discussing gay marriage?](#) – Justine Toh
- [How do you have a respectful intelligent discussion with an atheist about God and faith?](#)
– Justine Toh
- [How do you have a respectful discussion with an atheist about your faith without coming across as bigoted?](#) – Dan Paterson
- [How do we avoid appearing bigoted when discussing topics such as gay marriage and abortion?](#)
– Natasha Moore
- [I've been brought up in a Christian household – what right do I have to tell a Muslim that I am right, and they are wrong?](#) – Richard Shumack

2019 Masterclass dates and locations

Location	Date	Speakers	Time
Brisbane QLD	Thurs 1 August	Life Church, Salisbury	9:15am-2:30pm
Sydney NSW	Tues 6 August	Dayspring Church, Castle Hill	9:15am-2:30pm
Perth WA	Tues 13 August	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Booragoon	9:15am-2:30pm
Orange NSW	Thurs 15 August	Orange Christian School, Orange	9:15am-2:30pm
Adelaide SA	Tues 20 August	Edwardstown Baptist Church, St Marys	9:15am-2:30pm
Newcastle NSW	Thurs 22 August	The Grainery Church, Mayfield West	9:15am-2:30pm
Launceston TAS	Tues 27 August	Riverbank Christian Church, Riverbank	10:30am-2:30pm
Melbourne VIC	Thurs 29 August	New Hope Baptist Church, Blackburn North	9:15am-2:30pm
Canberra ACT	Thurs 5 September	St George's Anglican Church, Pearce	10:30am-2:30pm
Albany WA	Thurs 5 September	Albany Baptist Church, Albany	9:15am-2:30pm

Masterclass will also be livestreamed from the Sydney Masterclass on Tuesday 6 August.

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