



Biblical Authority —

“Loose Hinges”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “Loose Hinges” on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 5 No. 4) before answering the questions.

1. In John 3:12 Jesus says to Nicodemus, “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” How does this question relate to the questions posed in this article?

2. In Colossians 2:8 the apostle Paul warns of being taken captive by vain human philosophies. Can you describe some ways that the attack on biblical authority from human philosophies has infiltrated the church?

3. Think through each of these verses about the “hard to believe” elements of the gospel. What sort of questions would you expect a nonbeliever to ask about each of them? Genesis 6:5; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Matthew 16:24–25; Acts 4:12

4. Search the Scriptures to see three Old Testament examples of the gospel of Christ and three New Testament descriptions of the gospel of Christ. (For example, compare Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20–23.) Discuss the consistency of the gospel message throughout the Bible.

5. Read through 1 Peter 3:15 and consider how this verse correlates with the need to strongly attach our hinges to the Bible’s authority.

6. What things can you be doing right now to attach your hinges more strongly to God’s Word? Think about how you might put a plan together to do so.
