

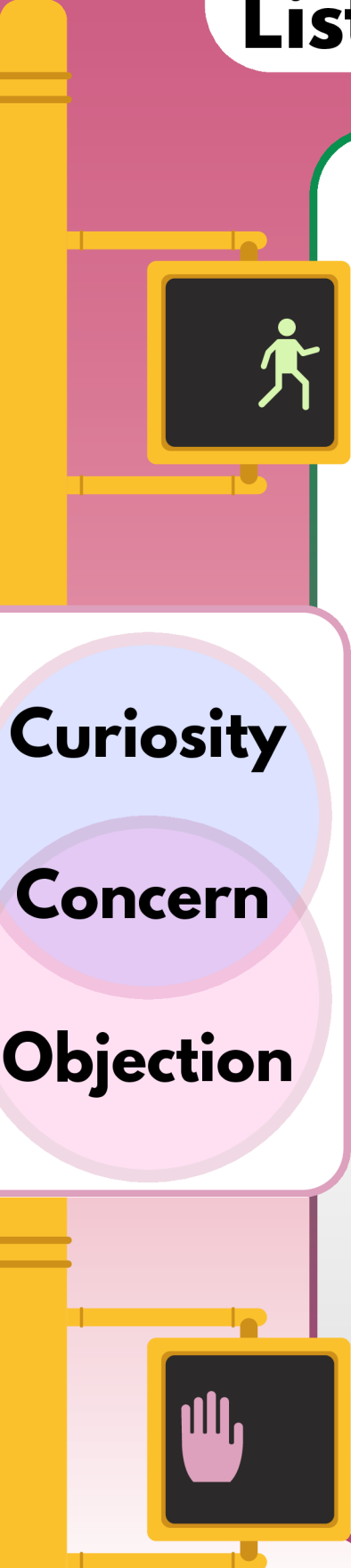


Listen to Understand

Friendliness

- Comments are about what the text says and how it applies to a current context. ***Listen and affirm.***
- Questions and comments have a curiosity to them. You sense that the person wants to understand. Safe to cross into a tangent discussion. ***Reciprocate curiosity.***
- There's hesitation in asking or there's a carefulness to how the question is asked. Encourage more from the question, but don't answer yet. Usually another question is hiding. Often that question is actually a concern. ***Focus on listening.***
- These questions will challenge what you've read or said, often presenting a competing solution or explanation. You may have to redirect this question to a study for later. ***Emphasize the "Yes."***
- You sense antagonism. Stop. Acknowledge that feeling and ask the person where they are coming from. Exercise tact and patience. Ask if they want to continue studying. ***Focus on seeing the person behind the question.***

Antagonism

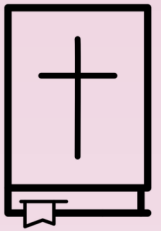


Curiosity

Concern

Objection

Common Objections



Sabbath

- Genesis 2:1-3 *Sabbath's Holiness from the very start*
- Matt 22:36-40 *Jesus' command of love is a summary of the law*
- Luke 14:16 *Jesus kept the Sabbath and attended worship*
- Acts 18:4 *Even gentile Christians kept the Sabbath*

State of the Dead

- Genesis 2:7 *Body + breath = Soul (living being), a nephesh נֶפֶשׁ*
- Ecc 9:5-6 *The dead have no awareness and don't worship*
- John 11:11-14 *Jesus describes death as sleep*
- 1 Thess 4:13-18 *Jesus returns in the end for Christians that died*

Second Coming

- Revelation 1:7 *Every one will see Jesus first hand*
- Matt 24:36 *No one knows the date when Jesus will return*
- Matt 24:26-27 *The return will not be a secret*
- Revelation 22:12 *There will be no 'second chance' at His return*

Sacrifice Was Done at the Cross

- Genesis 3:21 *Sacrifice was made from the very start for sin*
- Heb 10:10 *Jesus made a perfect sacrifice at the cross*
- Lev 16:14-19 *Sprinkling blood had sin cleaning power*
- Heb 10:21-22 *Jesus' blood is sprinkled on us to make us clean*

Signs of Prophecy

- [1 Cor 2:14](#) *We should let the Bible define its own terms*
- Daniel 2 *Prophecy shows history at a national scale*
- Daniel 7:17, 23 *Prophetic beasts represent nations*
- Rev 12:17 & 19:10 *Prophetic emphasis is a sign of God's people*