

# THE STORY Q's

THE YEAR OF BIBLICAL LITERACY



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Read 1 Peter 3:15 together.

**Q1** We each find ourselves in a version of the cultural “public square,” a space where cultural ideas, opinions, and judgments are shared. More and more, this public square is becoming toxic.

**What kinds of “public squares” do you find yourself in on a regular basis?** To what extent are the cultural spaces you interact with toxic? What characterizes them? Competition? Deceit? Openness? Patience?

**Q2** **As Christians, should we withdraw ourselves from these toxic squares? Why or why not?** Give an example of a time when you intentionally withdrew, or intentionally remained, in a toxic public square. What shaped your choice?

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## LIFE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

**How do we live as God’s people in the ever-increasing toxic environment of the public square?**

**Q3** Christians will always find ways to exist in the public square. The problem is, many adopt a framework that is not grounded in what the Bible actually says.

**Where have you seen Christians adopt ways of “getting along” or addressing our world’s toxic culture that aren’t actually grounded in biblical truth?** Give an example – perhaps even from your own life.

# LETTING SCRIPTURE SHAPE OUR VIEW

**Q4** **Read James 1:19-25.** Explain what James means in your own words.  
**Where are you currently at in the process of reading the Word and doing the Word? What does your relationship with the Word look like right now?**

**Q5** **Read Luke 10:17-20.** Give an example of a time when you rejoiced in the wrong thing or focused too much on your own strength or power.  
**What's the antidote to this?**

**Q6** **Read 1 Peter 3:8-17.**  
**How does this passage contradict what the world tells us about how we should live? Do any parts of this passage make you uncomfortable?** Why or why not?

**Q7** **If someone were to ask you about the reason for the hope that you have, what would you say, in 1 - 2 sentences?**  
(Just as important, would people actually see the hope that you have when they look at you? Why or why not?)