

## FLIPSIDE CURRICULUM

Introduction: The aim of this curriculum is to give you a discussion framework for this years topics, while providing schools and parents with a fair insight into “what” is discussed at Flipside. I don’t want this curriculum to limit any additional and spontaneous discussions of other topics, but ask that each week you address, at least in-part, the set topics below.

### Term 1 - 7 Big Claims

Week	Big Claim	Underlying Doubt / Objection	Core Idea	Key Bible Passage
1	Jesus Is the Son of God	Jesus was just a good teacher	Jesus wasn’t just a moral example—He claimed to be God with power to do extraordinary things. If true, this changes how we respond to Him.	Mark 2:1-12
2	If You’ve Seen Jesus, You’ve Seen God	God is distant or unknowable	The Bible claims Jesus perfectly reveals what God is like. God isn’t hidden—He’s been seen in a person.	John 1:9-18
3	Jesus Has the Authority of God	Jesus has no real power today	Jesus’ miracles show authority over nature, sickness, evil, and death—revealing who He truly is.	Mark 4:35–41
4	Jesus Offers Life to the Full	Christianity limits freedom	Jesus claims real life is found in Him—not restriction, but freedom, purpose, and eternal life.	John 10:10, 28
5	Everyone Has Fallen Short of God	I’m basically a good person	The Bible’s diagnosis is that everyone needs rescuing. Jesus came because no one measures up on their own.	Romans 3:21–26
6	You Must Lose Your Life to Save It	Following Jesus isn’t worth it	Jesus calls His followers to a counter-cultural life of service and surrender that leads to true life.	Mark 8:35
7	Jesus Died and Rose Again	You only live once (YOLO)	The resurrection claims Jesus defeated death, offering life beyond the grave—and demanding a response now.	1 Cor 15:3-8, 20

## Term 2 - Great Questions Worth Asking

Week	Talk Title	Underlying Doubt / Question	Core Idea (1–2 sentence summary)	Key Bible Passage
1	Why Do We Do Flipside?	Why even talk about Jesus?	Flipside exists to explore who Jesus is and whether He's worth trusting with your life.	John 16:66–69
2	Is Jesus Legit?	Is Jesus just made up or exaggerated?	Jesus isn't a myth—He's one of the most historically supported figures in history, and His impact changed the world.	Luke 1:1–4
3	Is Jesus Actually Loving?	Doesn't God just judge people?	Jesus consistently moves toward the broken, the rejected, and the overlooked—love is central to who He is.	Mark 2:15–17
4	Is Jesus Fair?	Why does God let injustice happen?	Jesus cares deeply about justice, but His fairness looks different to ours—combining truth, justice, and grace.	Matthew 20:1–16
5	Is Jesus Powerful?	Can Jesus really change anything?	Jesus shows power not just through miracles, but through authority over life and death.	John 11:38–44
6	Is Jesus Still Relevant?	Isn't Christianity outdated?	Jesus speaks directly to modern worries like what we will eat, wear and do —because the human heart hasn't changed.	Matthew 6:25–34
7	Is Jesus Our Friend?	Does God actually care about me?	Jesus doesn't just rule from a distance—He invites us into close, personal friendship.	John 15:13–15
8	Is Jesus Exclusive?	Does Jesus really accept everyone?	Jesus invites everyone—but He doesn't pretend all paths lead to life. The invitation is open, the response matters.	Matthew 22:1–14
9	Is Jesus Worth Following?	Will following Jesus cost too much?	Following Jesus costs something—but it leads to real life, freedom, and purpose that nothing else offers.	Mark 10:29–31

10	Is Jesus Still Alive?	Does Easter actually matter?	Christianity hinges on this: Jesus didn't stay dead. If He's alive, everything He said matters now.	Acts 1:1-8
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### Term 3 Overview - "I've heard people say..."

Week	Talk Title	Defeater Belief	Core Idea	Key Bible Passage
1	Isn't Christianity Just Blind Faith?	Faith = believing without evidence	The Christian faith centers around a person of history: Jesus and the bible contains a collection of eye-witness accounts designed to give Christians solid confidence.	John 20:30–31
2	Hasn't Science Replaced God?	Science explains everything	Science explains <i>how</i> , not <i>why</i> . The existence and order of the universe point to an author behind it all.	Gen 1
3	Isn't the Bible Full of Errors?	The Bible can't be trusted	The Bible is historically reliable, carefully preserved, and centred on one consistent message about Jesus.	Luke 1:1–4 + John 20:30-31 + 1 Cor 15:1-8
4	If God Is Good, Why Is There So Much Suffering?	Suffering disproves God	The Bible doesn't ignore suffering—God enters it. Christianity offers hope, meaning, and redemption in pain.	Romans 8:18-25
5	Aren't All Religions Basically the Same?	Every path leads to God	Jesus doesn't point to a way—He claims to <i>be</i> the way.	John 14:6
6	Isn't Christianity Intolerant?	Christians are judgmental	Jesus was inclusive to all but clear about everyone's need for forgiveness and change.	Matthew 9:10–13
7	Didn't Christians Cause Most of the World's Problems?	Christianity does more harm than good	Bad religion or bad people? Jesus called out religious hypocrisy in his day, particularly when people	Matthew 23:27

			failed to do good in the name of God	
8	Isn't Jesus Just a Legend?	Jesus wasn't real or divine	Jesus is one of the most historically attested figures in history, and His earliest followers worshipped Him as God.	1 Corinthians 15:3–8
9	Why Would God Care About Me?	I've stuffed up too much.	The gospel is not about a gift earned, but grace for the unworthy. Grace means God moves toward us before we fix ourselves.	Romans 5:8
10	How can you know you are good with God?	My faith isn't strong enough	It's not about how much faith you have but what your faith your faith in.	Matt 17:20

#### Term 4 Overview - What even is a Christian?

Week	Talk Title	Big Question	Core Idea	Key Bible Passage
1	What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?	Is Christianity just rules?	The biggest thing in Christianity is not rule following, but a relationship with God where you listen to his Son Jesus.	John 6:29
2	Can I Be a Christian and Still Doubt?	Is doubt a deal-breaker?	Doubt isn't the opposite of faith—refusing to seek truth is. Doubts are normal but there are often good answers to our Q's.	John 20:24–29
3	Why Pray If God Already Knows?	Does prayer actually do anything?	God uses our prayers in his big plans for the world. It also forms us and shapes our relationship with him as the giver of all things.	Matthew 6:5–13
4	How Do I Hear God's Voice?	Does God still speak today?	God primarily speaks through Scripture, guided by the Spirit, and confirmed through wisdom and community.	2 Timothy 3:16–17

5	Why Does God Care How I Live?	Does behaviour really matter?	God cares about how we live, because he has good purposes for us to live for.	Rom 6:17-18
6	Why Is the Church So Important?	Can't I just believe on my own?	Life was never meant to be lived alone. Jesus designed the Church as a family, not an event that supports each other.	Hebrews 10:24–25
7	What Do I Do When I Mess Up?	Does God give up on me?	God doesn't expect Christians to be perfect, he expects them to keep relying on him for forgiveness	1 John 1:8-9
8	How Should Christians Treat Others?	Why love people who are hard to love?	Jesus calls His followers to a powerful kind of love — to love even enemies—because that's how God loved us.	Luke 6:27–31