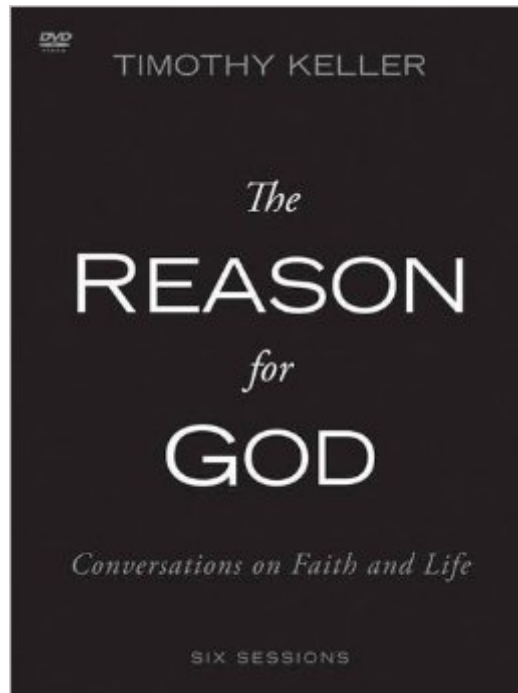


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# The Reason For God: A DVD Study: Conversations On Faith And Life



## Synopsis

This six-session small group Bible study, *The Reason for God*, captures live and unscripted conversations with a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity. In his New York Times bestselling book *The Reason for God*, Timothy Keller established himself as a modern-day C. S. Lewis who brings together faith and intellect, theology and popular culture, modern-day objections and historic Christian beliefs. Now fans of the book will find resources to help them engage with those same objections, drawing on recent scholarship and debates. The *Reason for God* small group Bible study can be used individually, with groups, or by any believer who is engaging with friends who don't share his or her beliefs. Christians will be challenged to wrestle with their friends and neighbors' hardest questions, and to engage those questions in ways that will spark an honest, enriching, and humbling dialogue, as is modeled during the sessions. The *Reason for God* DVD and Discussion Guide (both included in this pack) are designed to help small groups and individuals dig deeper into objections of the Christian faith and to learn about both sides of the issues. Sessions include: 1. Isn't the Bible a Myth? 2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God? 3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life? 4. Why Does God Allow Suffering? 5. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice? 6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?

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## Customer Reviews

First and foremost, Keller does a great job in this video series of being open, honest, and humble in

delivering his apologetic in the midst of a group of unbelievers. I pray that I too will someday be able to be as comfortable in both my knowledge of scripture and with my description of my faith as Keller is here. Dr. Keller is winsome, funny, knowledgeable and obviously incredibly smart, but he in no way comes off as condescending or uptight in dealing with other's disbelief or questions. I believe even a committed non-believer can come away from this saying that Keller respected their beliefs while holding fast to his own. PLEASE NOTE, however, that the current description of this product is VERY inaccurate, and I've pointed this out to in May 2014, so I'm hoping it will be changed by the time you read this. The write-up says: "The Reason for God DVD and Discussion Guide (both included in this pack) are designed to help small groups and individuals dig deeper into objections of the Christian faith and to learn about both sides of the issues." HOWEVER, the "Discussion Guide" is NOT included in this item, but can instead be found in another item that clearly lists that in the item's title. So, if you just need the video, order this. If you need the video+discussion guide, modify your search and find the right one.

First off let me say I think Tim Keller is great. The book of the same name "The Reason for God" is a wonderful book for the Christian apologist and also for the non-believer who is trying to understand Christianity. I've heard Keller's sermons and lectures and he is excellent. I think the premise for the DVD is a good one - create an environment where non-believers and skeptics can safely ask questions. That was done very well here. My problem with the DVD however, is that 95% of time on the DVD was given to the objections to Christianity and as a sort of "postlude" then Keller would offer a very brief explanation of the Christian belief. What he said was true, but I would have really liked to have heard more complete explanations. Keller is very good at engaging the non-believer but I kind of felt short changed. If you are really looking for a way to know more about why Christianity makes sense or you are someone who seeks to understand why Christianity works, buy the book.

A great discussion starter in my high school Worldviews course. Many reviewers are noting that Keller doesn't give full answers, but I would guess that is because this is meant to be a supplement to his book. Thus, if you want further answers, buy the book. Note that the product description states that it is a DVD-ROM and that the discussion guide is included. Mine was only a DVD so I had to later purchase the discussion guide. It looks like there is an actual set out there which really does include both, but this is not it.

I bought this DVD in the hopes of using it for a class at my church. Upon viewing it I was not disappointed and am looking forward to using it at our church. The discussions and interviews are compelling. While it does not give you all the answers in great detail, I expect it to cause viewers to think through their faith more clearly and in turn share their faith with greater conviction, confidence and compassion. Thank you Dr. Keller. I also recommend Keller's book, *The Reason for God*, for a more in-depth look at the questions presented in the DVD.

Looming in front of New York is the Statue of Liberty. The mighty lady holds a torch of freedom as it has welcomed countless people to America. Engraved on the statue's pedestal is a poem called "The New Colossus." And a different colossus looms over truth, history, and human purpose: God. And in New Yorker Tim Keller's DVD "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism," one discovers a fine resource that is an outstanding tool that will enlighten believers, doubters, and skeptics. This DVD examines many common objections to Christianity while it supplies potent reasons for Christian theism. "The Reason for God: Conversations on Faith and Life" (DVD-ROM) is a compelling resource for Bible studies, Sunday School classes, or Home groups. Lots of good information and interviews for those who desire to share the truth with loved-ones, friends and acquaintances who do not yet trust in Christ. Pastor Keller is a wonderful communicator. DVD touches on:- Isn't the Bible a Myth? Hasn't Science Disproved Christianity? Discussion- How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God? What About Other Religions? Discussion- What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life? Why Are There So Many Rules? Discussion- Why Does God Allow Suffering?- Is there one exclusive way to God?- Why does God Allow Suffering?- Why has the Christian Church practiced so much that has been non-Christian?- Is hell real and is it fair?- Has modern science disproved Christianity?- Is the Bible God's word? In "The Reason for God" one discovers a helpful resource that provides a discussion on how to pursue worldview formation; learning how to rightly think through issues as you find out how to share truth with non-believers. He deals with a wide variety of objections, nonetheless he cannot cover them all in great depth, but Keller gives the viewer a simple but powerful ground to grow in discernment. The author also furnishes:- Reasons that display the existence of God- The approach that helps you discover the meaning of life, beauty, and morality- Reasons to affirm the Resurrection of Christ- The way to find forgiveness and acceptance from God. Rev. Keller as pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, in Manhattan, NY, has a non-threatening, yet profound way of discussing significant problems within human experience as he draws the reader to Christ and God's word. Also see the new and unique book that contends for Christianity: *Truth, Knowledge and the Reason for God: The Defense of the*

## Rational Assurance of Christianity

This DVD format of Q and A with a well-chosen group of adults from many backgrounds gave our study group a great deal to discuss. I showed the 1st sessions one night and word got around so that the 2nd night the audience doubled! Dr. Keller is socially conservative and articulates "middle-of-the-road orthodoxy". But he does not force his thoughts down the throats of agnostics and atheists in the group. If you want to hear 21st century opinions about the Christian faith and cultural beliefs, this presentation is clear and thought-provoking.

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