



It's Personal - Part 1 :: *A New Approach* :: Andy Stanley

INTRODUCTION

Christianity can seem like a big puzzle. There are parts of it that we have put together, but for the most part it is a collection of pieces that we are still trying to figure out. And in our attempt to piece it together we sometimes get so focused on how one particular piece fits, that we lose sight of the big picture. In this session we'll discuss some of the pieces that don't seem to fit and how to deal with them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the common obstacles that keep people from accepting Christianity?
2. When you were first considering Christianity, what pieces didn't seem to make sense?
3. How did you deal with the pieces of Christianity that didn't seem to fit? What pieces still bother you to this day?
4. Read John 1:43-49. Nathanael was skeptical that the Messiah would come from Nazareth, as we would be skeptical if someone from an obscure and insignificant city claimed to have found the cure to cancer. And then he met Jesus. How does a relationship with God help put your objections into perspective?
5. Will we ever, on this side of eternity, be able to put all the pieces together? If not, what are we to do with the pieces that don't seem to fit?

THINK ABOUT IT

What aspect of Christianity bothers you the most? How would it change your faith if you could never resolve this issue?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

We shouldn't ignore our objections to Christianity. How could you research how other people have wrestled with this objection?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." John 1:49