Lesson 1

Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?

1. Three great objections:

   a. It is **boring**. Church is like watching paint dry.

   b. It is untrue. The **facts** just aren’t there to support the Christian faith.

   c. It is **irrelevant**. What does Christianity have to do with life today?

   
   A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. John 10:10 (HCSB)

2. Reality in a confused world.

   “If Christianity is untrue, then it matters very little. If, however, Christianity is true for one person, then it is true for every man, woman, or child on planet earth.”

   ~ C.S. Lewis

   a. Truth understood **intellectually**.

   b. Truth **experienced**.

3. Direction for a lost world.

   a. People hunger for meaning and purpose.

   b. First order questions of life:

      - What is the point of this **life**?

      - Is this **all** there is?

      - Does it matter what we **believe**?
4. Life in a dark world.
   a. We are created in God’s image.

   So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.  
   Genesis 1:27 (HCSB)

   b. We have fallen into sin.

   c. We are forgiven in Christ.

   My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous One.  
   2He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.  
   1 John 2:1-2 (HCSB)

5. Three fears of humankind:
   a. The fear of meaninglessness.

   b. The fear of death.

   c. The fear of guilt.

6. Conclusion:
   a. Not boring. It is about living life to the full.

   b. Not untrue. It is the truth.

   c. Not irrelevant. It transforms the whole of our lives.