

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2008

From: Bill Stroop

RE: Study Questions for “*What Do Christians’ Really Believe?*” on Sunday, March 16

The topic for next week will be the providence of God and the mystery of evil. Christians often profess that they believe in the providence of God (and often cite the testament of the Israelites as proof). The issue of providence raises several questions that I would like you to ponder during the week:

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CLASS #2

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