

## Part 1-The Life of C.S. Lewis



Before C.S. Lewis became one of the foremost Christian writers of his generation, he was an atheist.

How Do People Lose Connection With God & What Can Bring Someone Back to Faith in Christ?

#### **How Do People Lose Connection With God?**

#### 1. They are chased away from God.

The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted..." Mark 4:14&17

#### 2. More often than not they wander away from God.

"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the pursuit of wealth, and the desire for other things". Mark 4:19

#### What Brings People Back to Faith in Christ?

### 1. God's unrelenting pursuit

"I urge you first of all to pray for all people. Ask God to help them and intercede on their behalf...This is good and pleases God, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth." I Timothy 2:1-4



#### 2. God's people

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect". I Peter 3:15





# Either in your small group or on your own, take some time to think about and answer the following questions. Remember it is always good to start this time with prayer.

- Do you know anyone who was once a believer in Christ but is no longer?
  What is their story. Does it fall into the category of being chased away from God or wandering away from God?
- 2. Have you ever "wandered" away from God? If so what was the reason? What brought you back?
- 3. Why is it important for people to know that God never gives up on them, that God is always pursuing them, trying to bring them back into a relationship with him?
- 4. Who was the person or people in your life who introduced you to Jesus and helped develop that relationship you have with him? Have you ever thanked them?

#### **GOING DEEPER**

Read the following quote from C.S. Lewis "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else"

Discuss or thing about what this means to you. What is he trying to say?

Link to the Article: "Why Atheists Change Their Minds 8 Common Factors.

https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/why-atheists-change-their-mind-8-common-factors/19488/