Preface & Chapter 1

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1. Why do some reject the contemporary church?	3. What does "God has taken the initiative in creation" mean?
2. Why is Jesus the starting point for study?	4. Through whom does the Bible say that God speaks?
3. What does Stott say about examining the evidence for Jesus' deity?	5. What does Stott say about God's initiative to disclose himself?
4. Why examine the nature of Christ's work?	6. What are the two ways that God has spoken?
5. Why is intellectual assent to Christ's divine person, man's need and Christ's saving work not enough?	7. Why is "the empirical method" inappropriate for the sphere of religion?
	8. Why can't we save ourselves? What must God do?
Chapter 1- The Right Approach 1. What do the words "in the beginning, God…" tell us?	9. What was the principal reason Christ came?
2. How is God described: "Before man stirs himself to seek God, God has man.?	10. According to Psalm 14:2-3 how does God describe us?

11. How are we to seek?

12. What does seeking God "honestly" mean? What are the implications?

13. What are your impressions of the Simpson quote?

14. How does Stott describe accepting Jesus Christ?

15. Stott recommends reading through the Gospel of Mark or John. Record some of your observations here.