

God Is Not Afraid

A Zion City Ministry Analytics and Apologetics Group

There is a way that seems right unto a man but the end thereof is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12; 16:25

G.I.N.A.™ is created to engage religious leaders, clergy, ministers, and members of the agnostic, and atheist communities in meaningful analytical and apologetic conversations and discussions regarding the application of biblical scriptures in relationship to religion, doctrines, denominations, and any apparent or general perceptions of immoral, unrighteous, and ungodly practices.

Moreover, G.I.N.A.™ is designed to help Christians and individuals in general gain invaluable insight in four (4) areas including:

1. Exploring the relevance of old and new testament scriptures pertaining to today's issues,
2. Developing a keen understanding of how to "rightly divide" the Word of God in the midst of growing opinions and doctrines,
3. Effectively navigating through wading political views specific to race, poverty, incarceration, education, marriage equality/inequality, abortion, war, etc., and
4. Objectively weighing any and all potential moral, spiritual and "real life" outcomes of these polarizing civil, political, and religious issues.

Discussion Ground Rules

- 1) Must have assigned facilitator, group/collective accountability.
- 2) Time management. Be mindful of the time allotted for meetings and/or any discussions.
- 3) Agree on all scriptures as the final moral authority given by inspiration of God for instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).
- 4) No interrupting. One person will speak at a time.
- 5) Use "I statements": speak from your own experiences instead of generalizing. If you must, clarify general statements when appropriate and/or necessary to do so.
- 6) Listen actively and attentively: respect others when they are talking.
- 7) Honor everyone's truth/reality.
- 8) Respect engagement! Do not be afraid to question one another - refrain from personal attacks - focus on ideas.
- 9) Support each other in learning about new perspectives.
- 10) Don't take things personally; assume everyone's highest and best intentions.
- 11) Step up and step back: if you usually don't talk much, try to speak more. If you are usually the "talker," try to speak less.
- 12) Maintain confidentiality!
- 13) Take care of yourself and each other.
- 14) The goal is not to agree - it is to gain a *deeper understanding*, and through understanding common ground and mutuality may be established.
- 15) Exercise personal due diligence to rightly divide the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15) through continuous practice of daily and nightly meditation (Joshua 1:8).



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