

## Christ Lecture---Preparation Questions

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2. Name the 5 greatest moments of suffering in your life.
3. What have been crucial moments of decision for you?
4. When were some times of great ambiguity; shocking events, moments of helplessness and hopefulness?
5. When have you experienced radical judgment on your life? When was your whole life being called into question? Times when your whole life was invested in something, and---WHAM!

Decision---Activity---Despair over reality---Everyday happening---  
Illusions---No/Yes---Intrusion.

## II. THE CHRIST EVENT WORD:

All Is Good:

1. One thing you can't say "All is good to?"
2. Historical event that came to you as horror-filled.

All Is Received:

3. A thing about yourself that you can't stand?
4. Weaknesses you can't say yes to?
5. What's the weakness that makes a question whether you were cut out for life? What's your specific problem?

The Past Is Approved:

6. One thing in your past that shouldn't have happened?  
List ten more.
7. One thing you did that you can't forgive yourself for.
8. One thing that haunts you day after day, which you can't forgive yourself for.

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The Future Is Open:

9. One thing you don't want to lose in the future?
10. What do you dread most about the future?
11. What's the risk you don't want to ever take?

Possibility---Acceptance---Everyman---From the outside.

## III. THE CHRIST EVENT DYNAMIC:

Seizure:

1. When has possibility imposed itself on you?
2. When have you suspected that the pedagogue or lecturer was working only at you?
3. Where have you suspected all of life was trying to tell you something?
4. When did you suspect some nagging doubt was not going to go away?

Offense:

5. When have you found yourself forced to create an answer about your life?
6. When did life call you radically into question? What was the intellectual, emotional, volitional offense?
7. When have you been made angry by another's demand for greatness in your life?
8. When did someone prove to you that life can be lived?
9. When were you convinced your situation really was the problem?
10. What is the one excuse you use to evade facing possibility?

Decision:

11. When were you given a new self-understanding as obedient to the way life is? What was it?
12. When have you realized you don't know most of your own limits?
13. When was a time you realized you were out of excuses?

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Death:

14. When did you die to a self understanding?
15. What was a turning point in your life?

## IV. THE CHRIST EVENT STORY:

1. What are the questions you ask to avoid the offense when the way life is delivered to you?
2. What kind of event was the Christ happening in the Church's life?
3. How was it revelatory?
4. What did the Church see once and for all about life?
5. How does the Christian story illuminate your life?
6. What are ways you ask for the Messiah? When you can't stand your situation?
7. What was the concrete answer life gave you when you were trying to get out of the situation?
8. Where in your experience would you point to the fact that you are born of a virgin?
9. When did you descend into hell?
10. When were you raised from the dead---or heard someone call for you to come out of the tomb?
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The Christ Event Situation	THE EVENT	Not idea	THE INTRUSION	Not me	THE DEFENSE	Threatened	THE DECISION	Otherness remains
		Happening		Splits Illusions		Defend self		Another Illusion
		Everydayness of life		Pushed to edge		See death of self		Or face new situation
		Radical		Self-understanding in "2"		Attempt to Murder		Word relevant here
The Christ Event Word	ALL IS GOOD (Creation)	Only Word that is	ALL IS RECEIVED (Self)	Neuroses	ALL IS RECEIVED (Past)	Fate	ALL IS POSSIBLE (future)	In each situation
		Evil & Good		Physical Being		Guilt		Risk
		Suffering & tragedy		Weakness		Results		Impossible Possibility
		Life & Death		Power		History		Creates History
The Christ Event Dynamic	THE SEIZURE	Relevant Happening	THE OFFENCE	Chasm of Spirit dec'n	THE DECISION	Self	THE DEATH	Die to Illusions
		Address		Intellectual		God		Embracing Actualities
		Questions your universe		Emotional		Word		Nothing Different
		Demands a life answer		Volitional		End of road of Words		Everything Changed
The Christ Event Story	JESUS	Secondary Question	THE CHRIST	The Messiah Question	OUR LORD	Existential Meaning of Lord	MY STORY	Everyman has a story
		History & Event		The No Messiah-Messiah		Pre & Post existence		Story judged every story
		Church and Event		Messiah Quest transformed		Virgin Birth & Ascension		Reinterpret Past & Future
		Revelatory Event		The Human Question		The Lord of All		Is the story Of my life