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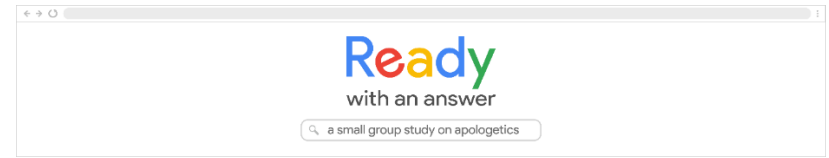
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Help for Conversations about God's Existence

All of this is interesting, but how do we share all of this? How do we interact with people who claim not to believe in God or are struggling with whether or not God exists?

Discussions with _____

- See this doubt for what it is – _____.
- Use the weapons at your disposal – _____ and the _____.
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- Pray that the _____ would open blinded eyes.
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