



PERIMETER SCHOOL
A Covenant Christian Community

Rising Eighth Grade Bible Summer Reading Assignment

***More Than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell**

This book is an easy read and will prepare you for a year in eighth grade as we study apologetics. After each chapter, answer the corresponding question below. There is **ONE** question per chapter. Answers should be based on the content the author gave in the chapter and not on your own personal opinion. Please **create a Word document and include your name and period on your paper**. Type all answers in complete sentences - many require more than one sentence. Please reflect on the question in relation to the material read. The due date for this assignment is **the first week of school in August**. I look forward to working with you this year.

Chapter questions:

- 1) If Christianity is not just another religion, then what is it?
- 2) Who did Jesus claim to be and what did He claim to do?
- 3) If Jesus is not God, then what options are left?
- 4) Science cannot prove (or disprove) the Bible. Why?
- 5) This chapter gives several arguments for God's existence. Give one.
- 6) How many ancient manuscript copies of the New Testament books do we have? What other ancient writing has the second most manuscript copies?
- 7) It is possible for some people to die for a lie if they are deceived. However, no one ever dies for a lie knowing that it is a lie. Ten of the twelve apostles died a martyr's death. What **event** must they have seen in order to make them willing to die for Jesus?
- 8) What kind of a savior did the apostles first expect? What kind of savior did they get?
- 9) The apostle Paul murdered Christians but later became a Christian and suffered greatly for Christ. What is the only logical explanation for Paul's radical change in behavior?
- 10) What is the **swoon theory** and explain why it is a bad theory?
- 11) Give one prophecy Jesus could not have intentionally fulfilled on His own.
- 12) Why did Jesus have to suffer and die for our sins? Is it possible for God to just forgive our sins and forget about them?
- 13) Explain how Jesus has changed your life or not. There is no right or wrong answer. Be honest, even if you are not sure of Jesus or still searching. It is OK.