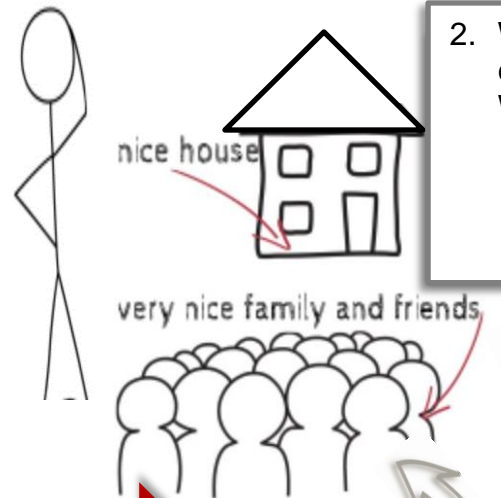


Thought Experiment

Questions



2. When things are going well it's easy to forget about faith. Why is this?



6. What is all this about?

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1. Why do people spend their lives searching for relatives they have never known, like in *Long Lost Family*? Why do they put so much energy into this when there are no guarantees that the person will be found? Why is this relevant when discussing God?

5. Write one thing someone said about God which has influenced, confused or helped you?

3. Influences can be positive or negative. Why is it as important to know who is trying to influence you as it is to know why (for my good or for their good)? Consider these examples:

- Mass media does influence us all. Smoking used to be seen on TV as cool, sophisticated and glamorous. How has this changed in a relatively short time?
- Influencer marketing is used by some companies. The aim here is to identify those who have influence over potential buyers, and market the product to these individuals, rather than the whole target market. Why is this significant?
- A government document states: "*Influencing behaviour is central to public policy. Recently, there have been major advances in understanding the influences on our behaviours, and the government needs to take notice of them.*" Why might some people be uncomfortable with the idea of the government influencing behavior? Why would others see this as positive for society?

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4. Do you think the portrayal of religious people in the media is balanced and fair?

