



This interview is intended to help students gain a **better grasp of Christian beliefs and practices**. The person being interviewed is an Australian youth worker called **Ross Ciano** who serves in an **Anglican Evangelical Church** in Hove, East Sussex. While his views may feel very direct, it should be remembered that he is keen to practice respectful discussion and tolerance. *He explains what this means in the interview.*

Another important aspect of this interview is the fact that **many experiences of Christianity do not always add up to the same thing**. Ideas about church buildings, practices, ideas about what is or isn't important... these are often at conflict with each other and so students studying this material should remember that they would do well to compare what Ross says with other situations and reflect on why there may or may not be a gap.

Having a few concrete case study examples to base your answers on in the exam will be a superb boost to your higher grade chances.

If you can develop an **independent and enquiring mind** then this will prove far better than spoon feeding in the classroom.

What am I, a giant mother bird or something?

1. INTRO DETAILS

Fill in anything you can about the starting stuff.

2. ARGUMENTS FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE...

Which two words does it boil down to and why?

3. WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Does Ross agree with the TOOOsHd idea, or does he say something slightly different?

4. HELL/DEATH

Is death natural? Why is there death? Why does he say that Hell is a justifiable thing to believe in?

5. HEAVEN

Ross says how a person can go to Heaven, and how they can't. Explain briefly both ideas.

6. THE CHURCH BUILDING

Sketch a brief diagram below to note down what things are placed where and how the spaces are used.

Try to add in a few bits about WHY they do this - a clue is in the mission statement headings.

MACDONALDS...

How far was the regurgitated burger traveling up my digestive pipe? Do a diagram and don't forget to include the gerkin slice.

What is a 'digestive pipe'?

This belongs to:



7. WHAT IS HOLINESS?

Sure, it occurs in the TOOOsHd word, so it must be fairly important... but what does it mean?

8. HOW DOES HE USE THE BIBLE?

Think how it relates to the immense Foo Fighters track, Everlong.

9. WHAT HAPPENS DURING A CHURCH MEETING?

Put a nice little list together below. Say why they do these things, and then number them in order of importance.

10. THE HOLY SPIRIT/POSSESSION...

Ross is reluctant to give the associate this with some 70's horror movie, but this is quite a good term to use in some ways. What can you learn about the Holy Spirit from what he says?

11. TRAINBUNKING ETC... WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN LIFE LOOK LIKE?

This follows on from the previous point, but explain what it looks like when someone believes Christianity.

12. ONE MINUTE LEFT

What terms are mentioned? Do we need to cover these in another lesson, or does he explain them clearly?

OTHER QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How does Holiness relate to how the building is set out and used?

How does this view of church relate to your own experiences?

Go to a local church and see if anything is similar or different to this video. Be really specific.

Is your experience of Christians the same as what Ross says in point 11? Why/why not?

How does this interview assist you in not becoming a total clone?

END: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Go through each of the numbered headings and write down a personal view (use a different colour and make it clear that they are your own personal thoughts - be honest! Scribble them sideways or even upside down if it helps - your thoughts are going to make this baby sing)