Message Series: "I Believe In God, But..."

Week 4

"Not So Much Anymore"

They claim to <u>know God</u>, but by their actions they <u>deny him</u>. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. - **Titus 1:16 NIV**

WHERE DO YOU SIT?

1. The Three Chairs ILLUSTRATED

Chair 1 -

"Fear the LORD and <u>serve him with all faithfulness</u>. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then <u>choose for yourselves this day whom</u> <u>you will serve</u>, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, <u>we will serve the LORD</u>." - Joshua 24:14-15 NIV

Chair 2 –

After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went <u>to take possession of the land</u>, each to his own inheritance. The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and <u>who had seen all the great things</u> <u>the Lord had done</u> for Israel. - Judges 2:6-7 NIV

Chair 3 –

Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten.... After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, *another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel*. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. *They forsook the LORD*, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. - *Judges 2:8,10-12 NIV*

2. The Three Chairs Perspective on GOD.

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| Chair 2 – | | |

Chair 3 – _____

- 3. The Three Chairs Perspective on CHRISTIANITY.
 - Chair 1 _____
 - Chair 2 _____
 - Chair 3 _____
- 4. The Three Chairs Perspective on the BIBLE.
 - Chair 1 _____
 - Chair 2 _____
 - Chair 3 _____
- 5. The Three Chairs Perspective on NEXT STEPS.
 - Chair 1 _____

| Chair 2 | - |
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Chair 3 – _____

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Did you or anyone you know grow up in a Chair-1 home? What did that look like?
- Discuss the differences between Religion, Relationship, and Rebellion.
- Describe what you've witnessed regarding someone who grew up in a Chair-1 home that no longer believes in God. What contributed to that person's slip?

- Parenting and Marriage was mentioned in the message. How does your view of the Bible shape your own thoughts about life? Discuss.
- Jesus said to take up your cross daily and follow him. What are some of the best ways you would recommend to do that?
- On a scale of 1 to 10—where 1 is knowing about God and 10 is knowing Him—where do you land today? Does this impact the way you trust him?
- What part of the message today stood out to you?