



WEEK 1

The Word (Part 1)

Icebreaker Question

Which of the following best describes how well you know God right now...

- A) What God?
- B) I know of Him.
- C) We occasionally run into each other
- D) We are acquaintances
- E) I'm starting to get to know Him
- F) We talk all the time
- G) He is my closest friend

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Key Teaching Points & Scriptures

Hebrews 11 (ESV)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Acts 17 (ESV)

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, **27** that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Genesis 1 (ESV)

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

God always has been. He existed before the beginning.

John 1 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In order to know God, you must know His Word.

In order to know God, you must know what He is saying to you.

NEXT STEP:

Desire to know God.

Discussion Questions

What is your biggest takeaway from today's teaching?

Why do you think it's important for us to understand that God has always existed, even before the beginning of humanity and time?

After hearing this teaching today, how does this honestly make you feel about the Bible?

Have you mostly treated God as personal or impersonal? Why? Give examples.

If you believe that God spoke everything into existence, how does that impact your everyday life?

What is the most important thing you believe you have to do right now in order to know God better?

What is the most important thing we can be praying for you about this week?

Pray

Words are powerful. God spoke the universe into existence. Jesus is "THE WORD." By His Word, we know Him. And now thanks to the grace and mercy of God, we can boldly approach His throne and TALK TO HIM through prayer.

As you do this, express your awe of Him, that He is Creator God! Thank Him for being a personal God who desires a relationship with each of us. Ask His forgiveness for how we have often NOT believed in Him and not sought Him. And ask for His help. Ask Him to help everyone's faith to be increased. Ask for Him to reward each person's efforts in seeking Him and desiring to know Him better.