

WHO IS GOD?



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God is Near

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time together by asking God to open your eyes to see where He is present in your lives and to help you recognize Him in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments.

Key Takeaways:

1. God often draws near to us even when we don't recognize His presence.
2. Christ meets us in ordinary moments and everyday conversations, not just in spectacular events.
3. Encounters with Christ should move us toward worship, community, and mission.
4. Sharing stories of how God has drawn near to us can encourage others and strengthen our faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon mentions the concept of "prevenient grace." How have you experienced God working in your life before you were aware of His presence?
2. Share a time when you felt like the disciples on the road to Emmaus - when you didn't recognize God's presence in a situation until later. What helped you realize He was there?
3. The sermon emphasizes that God often meets us in ordinary moments. Can you recall a seemingly mundane experience where you unexpectedly encountered God?

4. How has breaking bread (communion) or fellowship around a table been significant in your spiritual journey?
5. The pastor mentions that "encounters with Christ move us toward mission." How has an encounter with God inspired you to share your faith or serve others?
6. What prevents you from sharing your "God drew near" stories more often? How can we encourage each other to be more open about these experiences?
7. Reflect on the statement: "The gospel is not about what you do to make God happy. It's about what God has done to make you whole." How does this change your perspective on your relationship with God?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally look for God's presence in your everyday routines. Keep a journal of these moments and share one with the group next time you meet.
2. Practice telling your "God drew near" story in 1-2 minutes. Share it with at least one person this week.
3. Plan a meal together as a group, focusing on creating space for meaningful conversations and potentially experiencing God's presence in fellowship.
4. Commit to praying for each other daily, asking God to open your eyes to His presence and work in your lives.

Closing Prayer:

Close your time by thanking God for His constant presence, even when we don't recognize it. Ask Him to help each group member be more aware of His nearness in the coming week and to give courage to share these experiences with others.



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