## Doubting God Am I Too Bad for God?

## TALK IT OVER

## **Key Scriptures**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 NIV

When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw [Jesus] eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:16-17 NIV

"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this." Acts 3:15 NIV

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God ... 1 John 4:2 NIV

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4 NIV

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:22 NLT

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

 Share a time when you were included. What was that experience like?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **John 14:6**. Truth isn't an idea; it's the person of Jesus. How does this influence how you share truth with others?
- Read Romans 3:22. Jesus is the only way to God, but everyone is invited into a relationship with Him. What thoughts and feelings come up when you consider that truth?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share a truth about Jesus that helps you remember how He is different from other world religions. How does this truth impact your view of God?
- Think about the way Jesus lived and loved. What stands out to you about His life, and how could that influence the way you live yours?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, we know we could never earn Your love, so help us stop striving and find rest in Christ's finished work on the cross. Thank You for sending Jesus to our world so that we could have a relationship with You. We praise You, and we believe Jesus is the name that is above all names. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Watch the You've Heard It Said miniseries, Permission to Doubt, to hear stories from people who have walked through doubt: www.go2.lc/YHISdoubt
- Start the *Doubting God* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/doubtingGod
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.