

Why God?

How do we know that God exists?

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'"
– Psalm 14:1a & 53:1a (ESV)

"No one has ever seen God. God's only Son, the one who is closest to the Father's heart, has made him known." – John 1:18 (GW)

"18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things." – Romans 1:18-23 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Can you think of something amazing in creation that blows your mind? What is it?
- What is your favorite spot to go in nature? What location brings you the most peace and joy?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Romans 1:18-23. What evidence of God the creator do we have according to the verse we just read?
- Read Romans 1, verse 23. What has mankind been doing instead of giving the glory to God?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Do we worship the creation over the creator today? If yes, how so?
- Does creation give a complete view of who God is?
- We might not have Idols of gold that we pray to but we still put our trust in material things. Why do we turn to these material things for help instead of God?
- How would you answer the question, "how do you know God exists?"

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Get out in nature and spend a moment reflecting on the creator.
- Watch the movie "Expelled" (with Ben Stein) and discuss with your LIFEGroup next week.
- What material things can you use a little less this week and give that time to God instead?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.

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