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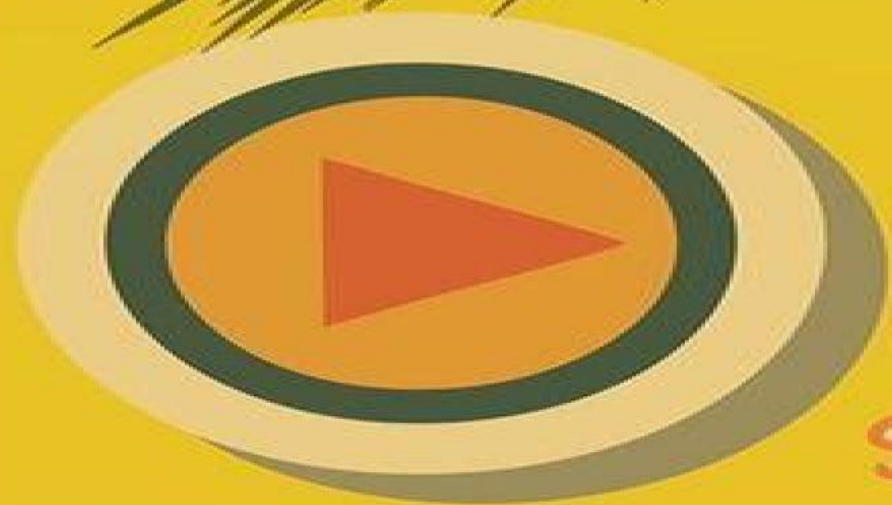


Real Me
Before A Real God
In A Real World



TUESDAYS
1:00pm to 3:00pm Arise
7:00pm to 9:00pm Jolt/Arise

Club 3:10



Summer Vibes

AKIMON



"AH-COME-ON OVER TO STEVE'S HOUSE!"



AUGUST 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 JIYA'S BDAY! 	3 NATHANIA'S BDAY! 	4	5 	6 	7
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Arise (1:00-3:00)



VBS (Vacation Bible School)



Arise & Jolt (7:00-9:00pm)



Sports Camp



Discover 1.0 (3:00-5:00)



Young Adults Bible Study (7:00pm)



Discover 2.0 (3:00-5:00)



Mother-Kids Event



CLUB 3:16 - Friday Youth Hangout Nights (7:00-11:00pm)



AKIMON - Youth Fellowship at Steve's home (7:00-10:00pm)

A pair of hands is shown from the bottom, cupping a glowing blue and white Earth. The Earth is the central focus, with the continents of North and South America visible. The background is a dark, starry space with some nebulae and a faint lightning bolt on the right side. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**REAL ME
BEFORE A REAL GOD
IN A REAL WORLD**

what following Jesus means in this confusing world

**WEEK
1**

CREATED

REVIEW



WEEK
2

TIME

REVIEW



WEEK
3

SIN

REVIEW



WEEK
4

LOVE

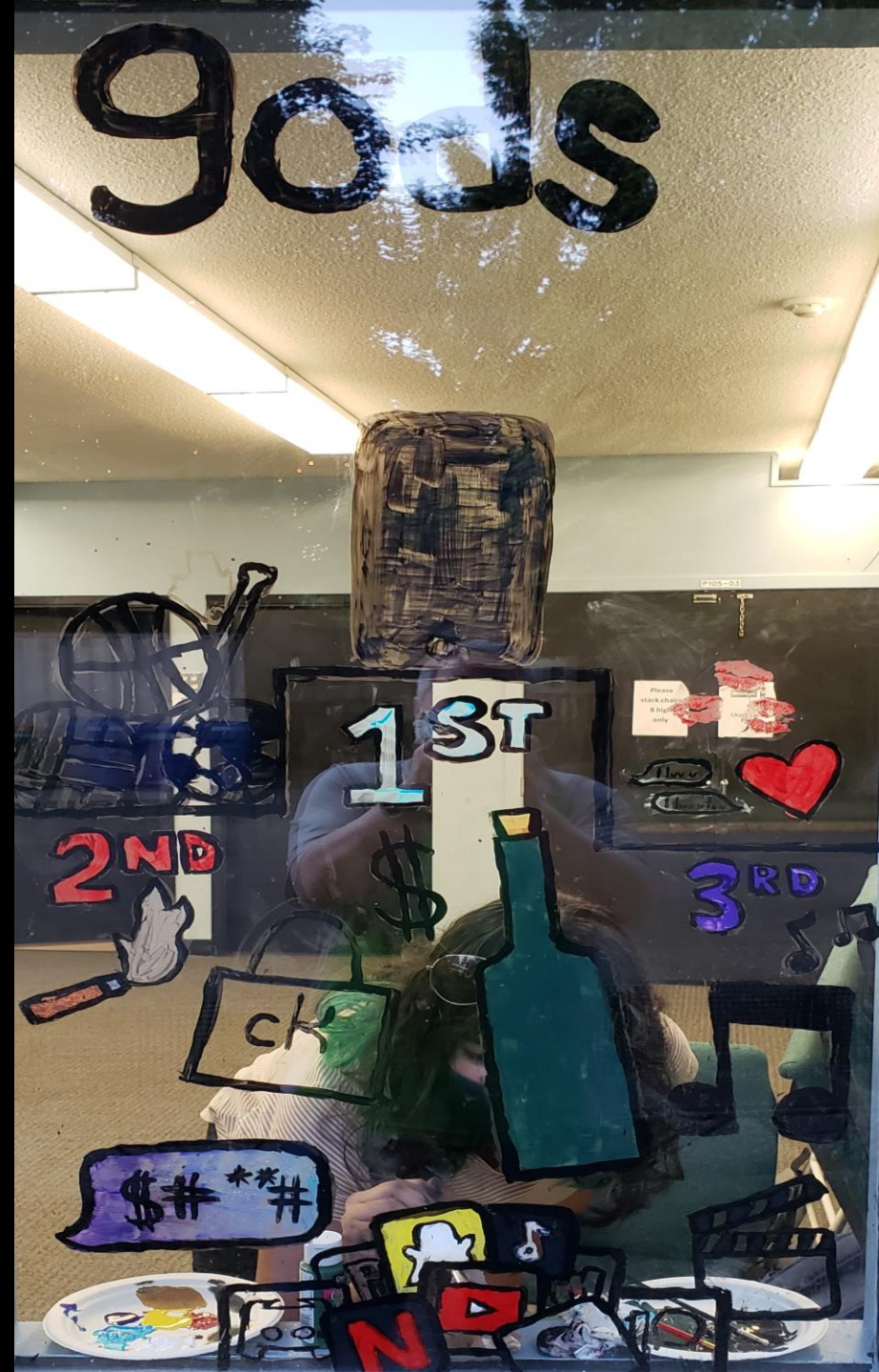
REVIEW



WEEK
5

gods

REVIEW



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GOD





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FACTS

- 320,000,000 gods in the world today
- 22 major religions
- Each with about 1/2 million or more followers

HOW DO WE KNOW THE GOD OF THE BIBLE
IS THE ONE AND ONLY? THE TRUE GOD?



Presupposition #1:

Aren't all religions essentially the same?

Answer: No, not all religions are the same.

There are distinctions in these areas:

- **Who God is**
- **What it means to have a relationship with Him**
- **What it requires to have a relationship with Him**
- **What each of them teach about Him**



Presupposition #2:

Does it really matter what a person believes as long as he or she is sincere and practices those beliefs?

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it..."

Isaiah 44:6-8



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Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...





Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

1. The Historical Evidence

Christianity is subject to objective verification.

- Historical events
- Trustworthiness of biblical records
- Manuscript evidence
- Extra-biblical sources
- Eyewitness accounts of the resurrection



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

2. The Prophetic Evidence

Predictions of specific future events with 100% accuracy confirm authenticity.

- ☐ **The Isaiah Principle Isaiah 44:24-28**
- ☐ **The test of a prophet Deuteronomy 18:21-22**
- ☐ **The fulfillment of hundreds of specific prophecies**



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

3. The Problem Evidence

The triune nature of God and testimony of Scripture best answer life's most timeless questions.

- The problem of unity and diversity
- The problem of evil and justice
- The struggles of man



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

4. The evidence of God's Work

The long-term fruitfulness and greatness of Israel and the Church argues for its truthfulness.

- The great nation of Israel**
- The liberation of women, slaves, caste systems, basis of jurisprudence, economic impact, care for the poor, orphans, widows, and the disenfranchised of every age**



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

5. The Real Life Evidence

The teachings of Jesus and New Testament work in real life!

□ They promote healthy relationships, strong marriages, honest business, positive parenting, racial reconciliation, and cultural kindness and champion the value and dignity of all humans regardless of creed, race, sex, nationality, or orientation.



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

6. The Evidence of Jesus

God's chief messenger (Jesus) and message (grace) stand in contrast to all religions and religious teaching.

□ **The Messenger: Jesus – Deity (John 1:1-18), Sinless (John 12), Creator (Colossians 1:15), Savior (John 3:16), His outrageous claim (John 14:6)**

□ **The Message: Grace**



Why I Believe In the God of the Bible...

7. The Changed Life Evidence

The millions of “changed lives” in the last 2,000 years argue that Jesus is alive and is who He said He is.

- “I was blind, but now I see.”
- “I was lost, but now I’m found.”
- “It has transformed my life.”



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So, Why Don't People Believe...

1. They haven't heard.

Romans 10:14-15





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How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



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So, Why Don't People Believe...
2. They are afraid.

John 12: 42-43





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John 12: 42-43

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human praise more than praise from God.



So, Why Don't People Believe...
2. They like their sin.

John 3:18-20





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Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.



SMALL GROUP - PRAYER - JOURNAL

- 1. Why is it so important for us as believers to know “why we believe in God?”**
- 2. What aspect of God do you find hard to believe the most? He is the only God? There is a God?**
- 3. What keeps you from believing fully in the God of the Bible...Ignorance? Pride? Moral Problem? What are you going to do about it?**

WEEK
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GOD

REVIEW



WEEK
7

CORRUPTION

REVIEW



WEEK
8

ESCAPE

REVIEW



WEEK
9

THE CALL

REVIEW

