

Small Group Guide

Is There a God? | Important Questions of Faith (Part 1)

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OVERVIEW

This week's message opened a new series addressing some of the most important questions of faith. The sermon explored the question "Is there a God?" by examining what the world looks like without God, and then pointing toward several indicators that support the reality of God's existence. The ultimate conclusion was that while intellectual exploration matters, the answer to God's existence is found less in our search and more in our surrender.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Belief in God in America has dropped from 73% to 50% over the last 35 years, making these conversations more urgent than ever.
 - Without God, we have freedom but we do not have hope.
 - There are several meaningful pointers toward God's existence: the cosmological constants of the universe, the universal sense of basic morality, the human longing for desire and purpose, and the testimony of Scripture.
 - Faith is required to believe God exists -- but it also takes faith to believe he does not.
 - God is more than capable of revealing himself to those who open their hearts to listen.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening

1. Before this sermon, how comfortable were you discussing the question "Is there a God?" with someone who is skeptical or doubting? What made it comfortable or uncomfortable?
2. The sermon opened with a video clip of people sharing their honest thoughts about God. Which response in that clip stood out to you most, and why?

Digging In

3. The pastor said that the good news of a world without God quickly becomes the bad news. What did he mean by that? Do you agree?
4. The sermon described several pointers toward the existence of God. Which of the following resonated most with you, and why?
 - The cosmological constants and fine-tuning of the universe
 - The universal sense of basic morality written on human hearts
 - The human longing for desire, meaning, and purpose that nothing in this world fully satisfies
 - The testimony of Scripture
5. C.S. Lewis wrote that creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists, and that if he found in himself a desire no experience in this world could satisfy, the most probable explanation is that he was made for another world. How does that idea connect to your own experience of searching for meaning or purpose?
6. The Russian philosopher Fyodor Dostoevsky said, "If God does not exist, everything is permitted." Where do you see that reality playing out in the world around you?
7. The sermon noted that Hebrews 11:6 describes the necessity of faith for anyone who comes to God. How do you personally navigate the tension between wanting intellectual certainty and being asked to take a step of faith?

Going Deeper

8. The pastor shared a story about two babies in the womb debating whether life exists outside of it. How does that image challenge or encourage you in your own understanding of what lies beyond this life?
 9. The sermon closed with this statement: "The answer to God's existence is found maybe less in our search and more in our surrender." What do you think surrender looks like practically? Is that easy or difficult for you to accept?
 10. The pastor asked the group to think about one person God has placed in their life for whom these questions are real and urgent. Who comes to mind for you? What is one way you could engage that person in a meaningful conversation about faith?
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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Choose one or more of the following to practice before your group meets again:

- **Observe creation intentionally.** Spend time this week outside -- whether on a walk, watching a sunrise, or simply looking at the night sky. Reflect on Psalm 19 and consider what the created world communicates to you about the existence of a Creator.
 - **Journal your own answer.** Write out your honest, personal answer to the question "Is there a God?" Do not filter it for the right answer. Be honest about your convictions, your doubts, and your questions. Bring what you write to God in prayer.
 - **Start a conversation.** Identify the one person the pastor mentioned -- someone in your life for whom these questions are real. Pray for them this week, and look for a natural opportunity to ask them what they think or believe about God.
 - **Explore further.** If the cosmological or philosophical arguments in this message sparked your curiosity, consider reading C.S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity" or "Surprised by Joy" as a companion to this series.
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CLOSING PRAYER GUIDE

Close your group time by praying together in the following directions:

- For those in your group or in your lives who are curious about faith but not yet there
 - For those walking through doubt because of hardship or struggle
 - For open hearts and surrendered wills -- that God would make himself known clearly to each person in the group
 - For the courage to have honest, loving conversations about faith with the people God has placed around you
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Next Week: Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?