

Life Group Lesson

“Who Is God?”

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ILLUSTRATIONS

Here's a funny illustration about the existence of God:

While my young son Doug was looking at a full moon, he asked, "Mom, is God in the moon?" I explained that God is everywhere. "Is he in my tummy?" Doug wanted to know. "Well, sort of," I responded, not sure where these questions were leading. Then Doug declared, "God wants a cookie."

Here is one more serious and simply amazing:

The early church leader Augustine was once accosted by a heathen who showed him his idol and said, "Here is my god; where is yours?" Augustine replied, "I cannot show you my God; not because there is no God to show but because you have no eyes to see Him."

QUESTIONS

1. When you think about God, what is the first thing that comes to mind?
2. **Who is God?** How would you describe God? What are some names for God (not Jesus)?
3. What does God care (or think) about? (Psalm 139:17-18)
4. God is your **creator** (Genesis 1, Psalm 104:24, John 1:3). He created you. Do these statements bring you joy, peace, or hope? How?
5. What did God create you to do? (Revelation 4:11; 1 Corinthians 1:9). Be specific.
6. Why do some question the creative nature of God? (Big Bang theorists, Darwinism, etc.)
7. God is **eternal** (Psalm 90:1-4). He has no beginning or end. How do these statements make you feel?
8. God is **independent (self-existent)** and we are dependent upon Him (Acts 17:24-25). Why do we sometimes resist Him? Why are we so independent sometimes? Do we have a false sense of independence?
9. God is **omnipresent** (Jeremiah 23:23-24) – He is everywhere at all times.
10. God is **all-powerful** (Jeremiah 32:17). He can do anything. What is it that you've been trying to do on your own that you need to turn over to Him?
11. God is **all-knowing** (Hebrews 4:13). He knows everything about you. If God knows everything, why do we have to pray to Him about things? Shouldn't He just take care of it? What is He wanting from us?

APPLICATION

1. How can I apply what I have learned about God?
2. What is the biggest thing that “jumped out” about who God is?
3. How does knowing who God is change effect my Christian walk?
4. What don't I still understand about God? How can I get solutions and answers to this?

Here is some help on describing the attributes and nature of God.

God is Spirit (John 4:24). God is infinite (1 Timothy 1:17). God is unchanging (Malachi 3:6). God is one but exists in three persons (Matthew 3:16-17). God is just (Acts 17:31). God is truth (John 14:6). God is holy (1 John 1:5). He shows compassion (2 Corinthians 1:3), mercy (Romans 9:15), and grace (Romans 5:17). He judges sin (Psalm 5:5) and offers forgiveness (Psalm 130:4). He sustains the world (Colossians 1:17). He draws people to Christ (John 6:44). He will judge the world (Revelation 20:11-15). He is executing His eternal plan (Ephesians 1:11).