



## Who Needs God Part 4: The God of Jesus

Are you caught between doubt and despair because you've been trying to worship the bodyguard god, on-demand god, boyfriend god, guilt god, anti-science god, gap god, or angry-Old-Testament god? If big-G God has lost his appeal because you've mixed him up with a gaggle of little-g gods who don't exist, then how can you know what God is really like?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

*"When it comes to God, Jesus is our most reliable source."*

### Scripture - John 14:7–11; John 4:24; Luke 11:2; 1 John 4:16

Context: In those early, well-attested-to documents, Jesus says several defining things about God. John documented several of these statements.

He was an eyewitness who believed, then disbelieved, then wasn't sure *what* he believed. But then John was exiled by Emperor Domitian to Patmos, where he had a long time to think about what he believed--that in Jesus, God had become man.

What do you believe so strongly that you would you be willing to be banished for? John is the one who reduced God to one word: Love. (As he rotted away on an island . . .) What had he witnessed that allowed him to draw that conclusion?

- What is one stumbling block that challenges your faith in God? How have you wrestled with that stumbling block in the past or how are you currently wrestling with it?
- People followed Jesus after the resurrection because of the resurrection. The evidence was overwhelming. Why is the resurrection of Jesus essential to the Christian faith?
- What was it about Jesus that brought you to God for salvation? What is it that motivates you to deepen your relationship and share the hope of Jesus with others?
- Read John 14:7–11. What is the point that Jesus is making in these verses? How does this truth evidence itself in your relationship with God?
- Read John 4:24, Luke 11:2–4 and 1 John 4:16. What do these verses teach us about our Heavenly Father? What does a reflection of your Heavenly Father look like for you?
- Share with the group how you get to know God and deepen your relationship with Him. Share what you have been learning specifically in your walk.

### MOVING FORWARD

If you could see God just once, wouldn't it settle your fears, give you assurance, and motivate you to hold firm in your faith? If you want to know what God says, listen to Jesus. If you want to know what God is up to, watch Jesus. If you want to have a closer relationship with God, follow Jesus.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**Memorize:** John 14:7

**Journaling:** Take some time this week to write down your story of how you came to a relationship with God.

**Prayer:** Ask God to give you an opportunity this week to share the hope that you have with someone.

**Accountability:** Text someone in your group, "How is your relationship with your Heavenly Father?" What are you learning about Him? How are you reflecting his love?"