

'God'

From the series:: Conversations... on life, God, and other small topics – 10/07/12

Big Idea...

We all have questions about God, and ultimately our understanding of God will shape the way we live and think. If there is no God, then there is no hope, but if God exists, then this is the most important thing in the world. Our understanding of God starts with his revelation of Himself through creation (Romans 1:19-20), Scripture (Hebrews 4:12), and Jesus (Heb 1:1-3, John 14:8-9, Colossians 1:15, 2:10).

Discussion Questions...

engaging the head::

- Why do you believe in God? How would you explain to someone else who does not share your belief that God exists that He in fact does exist? How would you give a reasoned and thoughtful explanation for the existence of God?
- If we know God because God has revealed Himself to us (Genesis 1:1), then we know what He is like because of that same revelation. What do we learn about what God is like looking at creation, Scripture, and Jesus?
- Moses asks God for His Name in Exodus 3. “**I AM**” – that’s the name God gave Moses. What’s in a Name? Why is the Name of God – the Great **I AM** so significant? What implications does the Name of God have not only on our lives, but the lives of those around you? For someone who does not know God, or believe in God, how would explaining the Name of God (**I AM**) and what it means help that person come to see that there is a God?

engaging the heart::

- Often we doubt God’s goodness or love for us. What causes us to doubt either that God exists or that He is good & in control? What would help strengthen our faith during those times?

engaging the hands::

- When Moses was encountered by God he learned that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. God is ‘Somebody’ who takes ‘nobodies’ like us to accomplish His plans and purposes. In many ways, God uses those who believe in Him, in Jesus, to be the ‘burning bush’ as it were for those who do not believe. In other words, non-believers encounter God through God’s people. How are you living so as to demonstrate who God is to the non-believers in your life?

Announcements –

- **the City** – join GENESIS on the City! The City is a NEW way for GENESIS to communicate and connect people with others within the community. Request an invitation to join the City by going to genesischurch.onthecity.org
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- **This Sunday** – GENESIS will continue the ‘Conversation’ this Sunday by looking at – **Man**. Questions to be covered – who am I? Why am I the way I am? Can I change? Where do I come from (origins) and how does knowing that actually matter? Does God have a plan for me? If yes, how do I know and live that plan out? Is man basically god? Are we just products of the culture and environment in which we grew up in?