



INTRODUCTION

The More You Know—Part 2

The more we know about God, the more we will trust him and want to get to know him. Our view of God matters. Is it possible to know what God is like?

The Bible does not make any attempt to prove that God exists. It just assumes he does. The first book of the Bible Genesis begins, "In the beginning, God created... The story continues on from there Let's dig in to understand more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define love?
2. Do you feel you experienced a lot of love growing up? Why or why not?
3. Do you think most people believe God loves them? Explain your answer. Why do you think a lot of people struggle to believe God loves them?
4. Can you think of a time where you experienced God's love through another person? Read Ephesians 3:17-19; 1 John 3:16-18 and John 14:21-23. What are some ways God shows his love for us through other people?
5. Read 1 John 4:18. Why do you think we won't experience God's love if we are afraid he will punish us for our sins? Read Psalm 103:3, 10-13; Romans 8:1; 1 John 1:9-2:1; and 2 Peter 1:5-9. Why do we struggle to believe we are forgiven? According to 2 Peter 1:5-9, what will happen if we don't have faith that we are forgiven?
6. Read John 14:21-23 and John 15:9-14. What is the correlation between obeying Christ and experiencing his love for us?
7. Read Romans 8:35-39. How would you help someone believe that God loves them?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

How you live directly affects your ability to experience God's love. If you do things that God won't be pleased with and you refuse to change, you'll have trouble experiencing his love. You can experience his love through other people, through his forgiveness of all your sins, and as you walk in obedience with Christ.

You were created to love and be loved. You were made in the image of God, and God is love. However, sometimes you may have trouble believing God loves you. You wonder why life is so hard if God loves you, or think God can't love you because of things you've done or the guilt you feel. You may even struggle to believe he's there for you if you can't sense his presence.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Romans 5:8	Romans 8:35-39
1 John 4:12	1 John 3:16-18
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