



## INTRODUCTION

## The More You Know—Part 6

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. Have you ever seen a magic eye picture? How hard was it for you to see the 3D image? What did you think when you could finally see the picture?
2. What are some good things that have happened in your life?
3. What are some hard things you have gone through in your life?
4. How do you feel about God when you think of the good times? How do you feel about God when you think of the bad times?
5. Read these verses. "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him" (Psalm 34:8), Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1), Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love is eternal, Psalm 136:1.
6. Do you find it easy or hard to think of God as a good God? Why or why not?
7. If God is good and wants what is best for our life how would this impact the way we think about going through difficult times?
8. Read James 1:2-4. How can this verse encourage you this week?
9. What would be different about our life if we lived like we believed that God's goodness isn't determined by our circumstances?

## APPLICATION

It's easy to see God working in your life when things are going right—but what about when things are going wrong? Through tough times it is often more difficult to identify what God is doing in your life or to believe in His goodness. No matter what you're going through—good or bad—God's goodness doesn't change. God sees the big picture that we are unable to, and He remains a steady presence in your life.

When bad things happen to you, it is easy to doubt this. However, it isn't God that changed—it is your circumstance shaping your perspective of Him. You can't always see the full picture, and when you focus on the chaos and negativity, you miss the beauty and positivity. When you learn to focus on the right things, you can see His presence in your circumstances. He is our stronghold in any situation, and He gives us strength when we don't think we can go on. God's goodness is not conditional. He is always right, true, and good.

## KEY VERSES (HCSB)

2 Corinthians 11:23-31  
Psalm 136:1  
Luke 8:26-39  
Luke 18:19  
1 John 1:5  
Psalm 100:5  
Nahum 1:7