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WEEK 1

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSS



FOCUS VERSE:
2 CORINTHIANS
10:5

- When it comes to matters of faith or belief in God, what side are you most likely to stand on?

DOUBT or DESPAIR

- In other words, do you tend to doubt that God exists and that he loves us, or do you tend to believe that there is no God and nothing happens after we die?
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FAKE GODS, FALSE FAITH

Identify For Yourself:

- Which of these versions of 'God' resonate with you the most?
- If there was a time that you believed these things to be true about God, how did that affect your faith?
- If you used to believe one of these things about God, but you don't anymore, what changed?

1. **"Bodyguard god"** - A good God wouldn't allow bad things to happen to good people.
2. **"On-demand god"** - God always responds to fair and selfless requests.
3. **"Boyfriend god"** - The God whose presence can always be felt, and if you can't feel him, he must not be there.
4. **"Guilt god"** - God loves you, but he doesn't really love you."
5. **"Anti-science God"** - The Bible and science don't seem to mesh, so science must be wrong.

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read + reflect

1 John 4:9-10

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

R.E.A.P

1. Read this verse aloud.
2. *Examine* the text and *encourage* one another with what God says about his love for us.
3. How can you apply this truth to any lingering misbeliefs about God?
4. Close your time in prayer.