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WEEK₂

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSS



FOCUS VERSE:
ACTS 17:23-30

- How do you respond to Pastor Kyle saying, "Christianity does not exist because of the Bible"? Have you thought of that before? Agree or disagree?

WHO IS JESUS?

- Pastor Kyle also said that the basis for real faith is how we answer this question:

Who do you think Jesus is?

Answer it together.

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Read + Reflect

Read Acts 17:24-29

- When you read this, how do you respond? Do you feel close or far from God right now?
- Does it ever seem like God plays "hide-and-seek with you?"
- God calls us his "offspring" or his "kids". Paul says that this is proof that we don't serve an imaginary god, but a very real one. If you have one, share a recent experience about experiencing God in a real way.

From The Message Version

The God who made the world and everything in it, this Master of sky and land, doesn't live in custom-made shrines or need the human race to run errands for him, as if he couldn't take care of himself. He makes the creatures; the creatures don't make him. Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.' Well, if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for us, does it?

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what we're promised

1 John 4:13-16

This is how **we know** we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, **we've seen** for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, **we've embraced** it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

R.E.A.P

1. Read this verse aloud.
2. *Examine* the text. What does it say that "we know", "we've seen", and "we've embraced"?
3. How can you apply this truth to any misbeliefs about God's nearness to us?
4. Close your time in prayer.