

Is There a God?

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VIDEO 1: PULSE OF THE WORLD ON PURPOSE

This video is a 2.5-minute survey of many people's responses to this question.

Questions for Discussion:

- Did you identify with anyone's expressed views in the film? If so, who and what resonated with you?
- To what do you attribute the 11 percent decline in the belief in God over the past twenty years?

VIDEO 2: THE CURIOSITY COLLECTIVE: IS THERE A GOD?

This is a 10-minute collection of subject matter experts discussing the question "Does life have a purpose?" It displays the various questions, struggles, and perspectives of these individuals regarding this week's topic. See what they have to say and discuss it.

Questions for Discussion:

After watching the video, choose from this list of questions or ask some of your own to facilitate discussion.

There's no need to limit your discussion to these questions or to feel pressured to cover all of them in the time you have.

- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in The Curiosity Collective? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
- What makes it easy to believe in God? What makes it hard to believe in God?
- What role—if any—did God play in your family when you were growing up? How does your upbringing impact your beliefs now?
- In the video, Andy shares that he's convinced God exists because of "cosmological constants" and their impact on life. What has convinced you that God either does or does not exist?



- What do you think of Corey’s suggestion, “If there is a God, I can’t prove him, nor can I disprove him with science”?
- What do you think could convince you to change your current stance on God’s existence—be that belief or unbelief?

INTO THE BIBLE:

1. People might say they don’t believe in God or claim it is not possible to know if God exists. Put on a heart of compassion for them—why do you think they would really say this? What are they resisting, or afraid of?

2. “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” —A. W. Tozer
So what comes to your mind when you think about God? Point to a place in the Bible that affirms your response—even if you don’t know exactly where it is, describe what you’ve learned about God from His Word.

3. Take your time and read these five verses/passages slowly. Ask each other to explain how these verses speak to God’s existence and how He draws us to Himself.

- Psalm 19:1
- Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Romans 1:19-20
- Romans 2:14-15
- Acts 17:22-28

4. The Renaissance philosopher, Erasmus, said the now-famous quote, “Bidden or unbidden, God is present.” How would you explain this to someone (perhaps using one of those five verses above) who is struggling with questions about God?

Bonus Challenge: Pray for those whose struggles keep them from accepting God’s reality—and His desire to be present in their lives. Intercede for them so they will be ready to explore how He is present in their pain and suffering—next week’s topic.

Memory Verse: Psalm 19:1 says, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*” In other words, creation reflects its creator. If God exists, all people have seen and experienced God, though they might not have known it or attributed that experience to God.

