

"I Believe in God" - Small Group Discussion Guide

March 9, 2025

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Welcome everyone and open with prayer
- Briefly summarize the main points of Ken's sermon:
 - God wants to be known
 - God is the central fact of the universe
 - All things owe their existence to God
 - God has revealed Himself through creation, human hearts, and supremely through Jesus
 - Encountering God changes lives forever

Opening Activity (10 minutes)

Ask each person to share briefly: "What was one thought from the sermon that particularly resonated with you and why?"

Scripture Reading (5 minutes)

Have different members read aloud:

- Genesis 1:1
- Hebrews 11:6
- Romans 1:19-20
- John 1:18
- 2 Timothy 1:12

Discussion Questions (40 minutes)

God's Self-Revelation

1. The sermon opens with the story of "T" who experienced God through dreams and the words "I AM." What does God's self-description as "I AM" (Exodus 3:14) tell us about His nature?
2. Ken states that "God wants to be known" and "has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that He is known." What are some ways God has revealed Himself to you personally?
3. Romans 1:19-20 says God's "invisible qualities" are "clearly seen" in creation. What aspects of the natural world most powerfully speak to you about God's existence and character?

The Centrality of God

4. The sermon emphasizes "In the beginning God..." as the foundation of all wisdom. How does placing God first change your approach to decisions, challenges, and priorities?
5. Ken quotes a 450-year-old explanation about God as Creator, emphasizing His provision, protection, and goodness "without any merit or worthiness in me." How does this understanding of God's character affect your sense of security and worth?

True Belief

6. The sermon distinguishes between mental agreement and true biblical belief as "an action verb." What's one way your behavior has changed because of what you believe about God?
7. Ken says, "It isn't the size of your belief that matters—it's the object of your belief." How does this statement challenge or encourage you in moments of doubt?

Transformation

8. The story of "T" demonstrates how encountering God changes lives forever, even amidst persecution. Share a way that knowing God has transformed your perspective, relationships, or life direction.
9. Ken references 2 Timothy 1:12: "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him." What have you entrusted to God, and what gives you confidence in His ability to keep it?

Application (10 minutes)

Ask group members:

- What is one step you can take this week to deepen your knowledge of who God is?
- Is there someone in your life who is seeking to know God that you could support or encourage?

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer (15 minutes)

- Share prayer requests
- Close by praying together, using elements from 2 Timothy 1:12 and thanking God for making Himself known

Additional Resources

- For deeper study: Read the book of John with focus on how Jesus reveals the Father
- Suggested reading: "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer
- Memory verse for the week: Hebrews 11:6