

# Lake Merced Church of Christ

Home Groups

Is God Really There? - What Good and Evil Reveal About The Presence of God

## Ice Breaker

What is your earliest memory of a mistake that you made (likely as a child) where you knew that you were wrong and felt some sense of guilt or remorse? Share your story with the group!

## Opening Prayer

As you go to God in prayer as a group, spend some time asking God to reveal opportunities for you to share your faith and have conversations about God & Jesus. Pray that God would give you a heart for lost people.

## Discussion

1. When you think about current culture (both local and abroad), what kinds of values do you hear most often discussed in 2019 as things that are “good” that we should all embrace? And what kinds of values do you hear discussed as things that are “bad” that we should all reject? What does the world around us seem to care the most about?
2. In this week’s lesson, Josh discussed the basics of the Moral Argument for God which states that if there is such a thing as objectively right and wrong, good and evil, moral and immoral, then there must be a standard or Moral Law Giver who makes those things objectively true, otherwise, morals are subjective from one person to the next. Do you agree with that basic argument? Why or why not?
3. If morality is *subjective* (based on the opinion of each individual) rather than *objective* (true regardless of an individual’s opinion), what do you think the implications could be for our culture and world, at large? Could the wrongness of murder (for example) be based solely on the individual’s opinion thereby deeming it “right” for some, and “wrong” for others? What do you think?
4. Read Genesis 3:1-13 and look at the behavior of Adam and Eve in the wake of their sin. Josh discussed how sin always leads us to do one of two things: Hide or Deny. Where do you see evidence of each behavior from this passage? What do you think this might suggest about the reasons we are motivated to eliminate the notion or idea of God from our lives?
5. Read John 4:1-26 together as a group. In this passage, Jesus confronts a Samaritan woman living in some sin and he offers her the kind of water that will quench her thirst forever; he offers her himself. As you read this passage, what do you learn about ways to encounter and engage people who are thirsty for purpose and meaning and don’t know where to find it? How can we help people who are skeptical about faith and point them to the living water found only in Jesus?
6. Close your time by discussing ways that you feel afraid, encouraged, or challenged to engage people at the proverbial “well.” What holds you back from speaking boldly to them about the hope that you have?

## Closing Prayer

Pray for the needs of the group and then lift up each person’s fear and resistance to talking about faith in Jesus. All of us fear; pray for a Spirit-led courage to overcome fear and trust God in those moments.