



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Conversation Starter: The God of Jesus
October 1, 2017

Opening Questions:

- What has been your response to this series so far? How have you found it helpful? How have you found it frustrating?
- What is one stumbling block that challenges your faith in God? How have you wrestled with that stumbling block in the past or how are you currently wrestling with it?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **John 14:7-11...** If you could know God by listening to Jesus and watching what he does, what are some of the big questions it might answer about who God is and what he thinks of people in general and you specifically?
- In the past, how have you attempted to answer the question, *who is God?* How have you tried to describe him? Given what Jesus said in the above passage, how might that change going forward?
- Jesus said a lot about God, a few of those things were that He is spirit, father, and love. Which of those do you struggle with God being most? Does Jesus help with the difficulty of God being immaterial? Does your relationship with your earthly dad, hinder your ability to receive God as a loving, perfect father? And what does it mean when we say God *is* love? What does that say about his feelings toward you and humanity as a whole?
- Jesus points to the evidence which points to the validity of what he says and who he says he is. Josh mentioned that the evidence included: healing the sick, freeing the oppressed, raising the dead, and commanding the elements. Have you always based your Christian faith on evidence? Or have you perhaps grown up having faith in faith? What does that mean and how might things change now?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line from this week was **IF YOU KNOW JESUS YOU KNOW GOD**. As a group, spend some time describing Jesus. Use the internet and your Bibles to create a list of what you know about him and therefore know about God.
- How does your group plan on holding each other accountable in reading John's Gospel for the month ahead? It contains 879 verses, which means you only need to read around 28 verses a day to read it completely in one month. Discuss a plan to accomplish this to a person in your group (remember the free YouVersion Bible app as a possibility—it has almost every English translation available).

End your time together asking Jesus to help you with unbelief and doubt and questions. Ask him to be present in your reading/investigating this month. Ask him to show you more of who God is as you get to know him more deeply. Thank him for being a relational, knowable, real God and savior.