

PART 4: The God of Jesus

INTRODUCTION

Are you caught between doubt and despair because you've been trying to worship the bodyguard god, on-demand god, boyfriend god, guilt god, anti-science god, gap god, or angry-Old-Testament god? If big-G God has lost his appeal because you've mixed him up with a gaggle of little-g gods who don't exist, then how can you know what God is really like?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What has been your response to this series so far? How have you found it helpful? How have you found it frustrating?
- 2. 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?
- 3. During the message, Andy said, "Jesus did not ask his followers to believe in God by faith or to believe him by faith. There was ample evidence for both." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- 4. 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?
- 5. Read Luke 11:2-4. Is it difficult for you to view God as a perfect father? Why or why not?
- 6. During the message, Andy said, "When it comes to God, Jesus is our most reliable source." What can you do this week to go directly to that source in order to connect with God and discover more about him? What can this group do to help and support you?

MOVING FORWARD

If you could see God just once, wouldn't it settle your fears, give you assurance, and motivate you to hold firm in your faith? If you want to know what God says, listen to Jesus. If you want to know what God is up to, watch Jesus. If you want to have a closer relationship with God, follow Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:7