



There Is a God

Focus It's important to know why we believe God exists. Understanding a correct worldview helps us to understand what we believe. A Christian can say they know there is a God because they have met Him, talked with Him, and become His friend.

Fun If you could visit heaven and meet one of the people in the Bible (other than Jesus), who would you visit and why?

Review Key Scripture: Psalm 14:1

There is a correct worldview. A worldview must answer all four questions to be considered a correct worldview. Christianity answers all four.

1. Origin: How did I get here?
2. Meaning: Why am I here?
3. Morality: How do I define good and evil?
4. Destiny: What happens to me after death?

Examples of an incorrect worldview are subjective morality and evolution. Subjective morality means each person decides what is right for them, and there is no absolute right or wrong. Evolution doesn't answer the question of origin. The theory of evolution says that one species mutates into another, and no species has accomplished that before or since Charles Darwin wrote his book on evolution. In addition, there is no explanation for the creation of the first species.

There is no atheist. The meaning of the word atheist is "a person who speaks, 'There is no God.'" In order to make this statement, one must have all knowledge; they would have to know everything. The smartest person in the

world to date can only claim to have less than 1% of all knowledge that exists. Even if a person had 2% of all knowledge, it's possible that God may exist within the 98% of knowledge that is unknown to the person. It is impossible to claim that something doesn't exist if you do not know everything. An agnostic is a person that says, "*I don't know* if there is a God." However, as stated in Psalm 14:1, it is foolish to say there is no God.

There is a God. You can say that something or someone exists even though you may be lacking 98% of all knowledge. You know a person exists if you have met them, talked to them, and are friends with them. The same is true about God. When you know Him, you are forever changed. He created you with a mind to think, a heart to feel, and a will to choose. He wants us to choose to love, serve, and follow Him.

Group Dynamics Idea Start the new semester with an activity to help group members get to know one another. Ask each person to answer three questions. Members will recognize a connection with someone else who has the same answer. Examples: How long have you lived in Texas? What is your favorite restaurant? Who is your favorite sports team?

Discuss

1. Has your worldview changed after hearing this message? How will a correct worldview affect your interaction with nonbelievers?
2. Subjective morality is the philosophy that each person decides what is right for them. What are the flaws in this worldview? What are some examples of subjective morality in today's society?
3. Briefly describe how Christianity answers each of the four questions to substantiate a correct worldview.

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4. How will you respond to an agnostic who challenges the existence of God and your faith in Him? In addition, what are some suggestions for speaking the truth in love if they patronize you?
5. Describe how you personally know that God exists.
6. Take time this week to write down why you know that God exists and how He's changed your life. Read over your notes on a regular basis and ask the Lord to give you the opportunity to share your story with someone else.

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- It's important for you to know your worldview.
- There must be an absolute right and wrong.
- Evolution is an unproven theory and not a correct worldview.
- Use the four points of a worldview as a tool to discuss your faith with others: origin, meaning, morality, and destiny.
- Your relationship with God as Lord will be evidence to others that He exists.

Prayer

Almighty God, we adore You and acknowledge You as the one true God, Creator of heaven and earth. Thank You for giving us Your Son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for our salvation. Thank You, Lord, for Your Word and the Holy Spirit to guide us. Show us the people in our lives who need to know You and give us courage to speak Your truth in love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Using name tags when facilitating small groups is a wonderful tool to aid in fellowship and connection. They take away the apprehension felt by new people. In addition, a person is more likely to approach another if they know their name. As a leader, you will be focused on asking questions, watching the time, finding a Bible verse, and looking through your notes for the next topic. You can easily forget a name. Providing name tags will make your life easier and enhance connection within your group.