

Outline for inserts and/or PPT

How Can I Know That God Is Good?

Teaching Verse:

“Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!”
Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

Thoughts on the verse:

- The way to know God is good is to experience him for yourself.
- The great thing is that God wants us to experience him.
- There’s a huge difference in knowing that God is good and experiencing his goodness for yourself.

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When you experience God you really come to not only know the things you know but also believe the things you know.

Thoughts about our faith:

- We’d rather have an objective Jesus that doesn’t have any kind of life or personality.
- This objective Jesus provides us with head knowledge.
- Head knowledge is more transactional.
- The relationship with the objective Jesus is more of a transactional relationship.

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Jesus wants to have a transformational relationship with us.

Thoughts about faith in Jesus:

- We get the information and allow Jesus to transform us as we live out the information or as we take leaps of faith.
- Jesus doesn’t just want to help us with our lives by giving us some great guidelines or prescriptions for living. He also wants us to experience life in him.

Something To Do: Know and call him by his name.

Realities about Jesus and our faith:

- Jesus is pursuing a real, loving relationship with you
- Jesus is always working in and around you
- Jesus invites us to join him in God’s work
- Jesus’ invitation to a lifestyle of faith will include a crisis of faith
- A lifestyle of faith or doing God’s work requires major changes in our lives

- As you experience Jesus more, you'll know more about him and your relationship with God will blossom

Something To Do: Stop running and allow yourself to be caught by Jesus.

Something To Do: Pray to see God's activity everywhere you go and in everyone you meet.

Something To Do: Pray for Jesus to give you an assignment that will have even the smallest impact on introducing others to the kingdom of God.

Something To Do: Figure out what changes will need to be made for you to accept your assignment from Jesus.

Something To Do: Enjoy the ride!