

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Explore God

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Additional questions for Week 7: Can I Know God Personally?

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Jeremiah 31:33-34

Instruction:

Discussion Group leaders should preview the videos and questions provided through exploreGod.com as well as these “additional questions.” With your unique group in mind, leaders should pick and choose which elements meet the needs of their group best.

Guide: <https://my.exploreGod.com/resources/facilitators-guide-7-big-questions>

Video #1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kx1ar0vliYE&feature=youtu.be>

Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYTFoRwwi8M&feature=youtu.be>

Read the following passage:

³³ “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NIV)

Questions:

1. How does the reference to “write it on their hearts” in verse 33 contribute to our understanding of a close relationship with God?
2. How does the possessive reference to “their God” and “my people” contribute to our understanding of a close relationship with God?
3. From verse 34 we see that God desires first-hand knowledge of Him rather than second-hand. What is second-hand knowledge of God?
4. What hinders you from deepening your relationship with God?
5. How does an intimate relationship with God bring joy to the soul?
6. Why does God desire to know us personally?