

# GOD CREATED US TO BE WITH HIM

Key Scripture: John 1:1-4; Psalm 100:3

## Opening

There are a lot of differing views of God floating around out there. And many of them consist of us trying to put God in a box.

- Why do you think there are so many different views of God?
- Do you think anyone really knows what God's like? Why do you think that?
- What does "putting God in a box" mean to you?
- Do you think it matters what your view of God is like? Why or why not?

Play the video *Life in 6 Words: The GOSPEL Explored* Session 1, "God."



## Ask

- Do you think a lot of people tend to view God the way *they* want Him to be, rather than the way He has revealed Himself to be through Jesus and through the Scriptures? Why or why not?
- What was your reaction to Greg and Prop's discussion about why it matters whether we have an accurate, biblical view of God? Do you agree or disagree?
- How does our view of God affect us in real life?
- Theology. What is it? Anybody remember the definition from the video? (Definition: The study and understanding of God.)
- Based on what we've just been talking about, is theology just a bunch of big, dusty books on a shelf, or is it important to us and how we do life? Why do you think that?
- Let's all go to John 1:1-4. Can someone read that passage for us?
- Next, let's go to Psalm 100:3. Can someone read that passage for us?
- What are some truths about God that we can pull out from these passages?

In Psalm 100:3, when it says *"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture,"* we find the essence of the first word in this *Life in 6 Words* series: GOD. **GOD** CREATED US TO BE WITH HIM. There's a big word for this theological truth about God wanting to be in relationship with us:

### IMMANENCE

## Ask

- Does anyone remember what "immanence" means? (Definition: to remain within).
- What do you think this looks like in our day-to-day lives?
- Do you remember the conversation Greg and Prop had about their earthly fathers? How engaged were their dads with them?
- How is God different than our earthly fathers?
- Prop talked about how this truth can make you both uncomfortable (God sees and knows everything) and comfortable (God is always there with us) at the same time. How does it make you feel? Why?

## Application

God isn't just a Sunday morning or Wednesday night "responsibility" on our checklist of things to do. Knowing Him and being in relationship with Him is the most important thing in our life and something that impacts everything else because His immanence permeates *everything*. Grab a piece of paper and write down this truth:

Knowing God and being in relationship with Him impacts:

- Who I am
- How I see the world
- How I act and react

Take a few minutes right now, and beside each of these three phrases, write down one attitude or behavior God is prompting you to change this week so that your life is more fully aligned with the reality of His immanence.

## Closing

While the reality of God's immanence and desire for relationship impacts our lives as believers, it's also a truth that those around us who don't know Jesus should hear about.

I want to encourage you this week to start the conversation with one of your friends who needs Jesus in their life. Ask them whether they believe there's a God, and if so, find out what they think God is like. Listen carefully, then share what you believe about God wanting an infinitely intimately fond relationship with each and every human He's given life and breath.

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