

Believe Series
“Personal God”
Does God care about me?

God is great.

*Who else has held the oceans in his hand?
Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers?
Who else knows the weight of the earth
or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?
Who is able to advise the Spirit of the Lord?
Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him?
Has the Lord ever needed anyone’s advice?
Does he need instruction about what is good?
Did someone teach him what is right
or show him the path of justice?*

Isaiah 40:12-14 (NLT)

...but is God good?

*Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.
Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
let them proclaim your power.
I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor
and your wonderful miracles.
Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
I will proclaim your greatness.
Everyone will share the story of your wonderful goodness;
they will sing with joy about your righteousness.
The Lord is merciful and compassionate,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
The Lord is good to everyone.
He showers compassion on all his creation.*

Psalm 145:3- 9 (NLT)

**We believe God is involved in and
cares about my daily life.**

God knows me.

*O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.
You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.
You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.
You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.
You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!*

Psalm 139:1-6 (NLT)

God has a plan for my life.

*You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.
How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!*

Psalm 139:16-17 (NLT)

This is what the Lord says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

God cares for me.

*When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—
what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?*
Psalm 8:3-4 (NLT)

*“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child?
Can she feel no love for the child she has borne?
But even if that were possible,
I would not forget you!
See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.*
Isaiah 49:15-16a (NLT)

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the
good of those who love God and are called according to his
purpose for them.*
Romans 8:28 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

*I look up to the mountains—
does my help come from there?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!*
Psalm 121:1-2 (NLT)

What do you believe?

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Believe Chapter 2: Personal God.

1. Do you believe in aliens, ghosts, dinosaurs, or global warming?
How did you come to your belief on these things?

2. Have you ever doubted God was a ‘Good God’? When & how?

How did God meet you in your doubts? Have they been resolved?

3. Re-read Psalm 139:1-6. How have you experienced Gods personal knowledge of you?

When have you known He was searching your heart?
What was the result?

4. Re-read Philippians 1:6. What thoughts or emotions come to mind when you think about the fact that God has a plan for your life?

5. Re- Read Romans 8:28. How does God show his care and concern for us when we go through difficult seasons in our life?

6. Describe ways you experience a personal God in your daily life?

7. How can you steal some Ideas from your group to experience God personally this week?