

theChristianatheist

I Believe in God but I Don't Know Him

WARM UP

Have you ever met a famous person? What's the story?

SET IT UP

According to a recent Gallup poll, 89% of people say they believe in God. Wouldn't the world be a much different place if nine out of every ten people were Christians? There is a difference between knowing the facts about God (and even saying you believe them) and following God. Let's talk about it.

CHAT IT UP

1. We all have ups and downs in our spiritual journey. **Share about a time when you felt close to God.**
2. **Danny talked about three substitutes for truly knowing God. Which one is the easiest one for you to fall into?** The three substitutes are:
 - Cultural Christianity - Know *about* God but don't know and follow Him personally.
 - Experience-Based Christianity - Felt God at one time and keep looking for a feeling again.
 - Rules-Based Christianity - I feel close to God when I keep the rules.
3. **Read Psalm 63:1-4. David shows us what a real relationship with God looks like. We don't usually talk like this! As a group, summarize verses 1-4 in your own words one verse at a time.**
4. **What stands out to you from David's relationship with God?**
5. **If your friend wanted to have a closer relationship with God, what advice would you give him or her?**
6. **We can drift into an atheist lifestyle when we live like God doesn't exist. Does that happen to you? What can you do to remind yourself of God during the day?**

WRAP IT UP

We can't be a Christian and an Atheist at the same time. But we can drift into an atheist lifestyle when we live like God doesn't exist. If you draw close to God, He will draw close to you. How can we draw close to God? Just walk and talk with Him.

LEADER TIPS

- We draw close to God by hanging out with Him (Bible time) and joining Him in what He is doing in the world (serving). Ask your group if Bible Reading or Serving is their next step.