

# Explore God Adventurer's Guide

## SESSION TWO

### **Big Question:** *How does my belief in God shape my everyday life?*

As we begin to dig into this question *How does my belief in God shape my everyday life?* Note that it stems from the original big question: *Is there a God?* Christians have answered that question by our belief in God. So now we want to go deeper into what our belief means in regards to shaping who we are and how we live every day.

**Note:** If there are unbelievers present in your group, you may want to begin the conversation with these questions:

- What makes it easy to believe in God? What makes it hard to believe in God?
- What role – if any – did God play in your family when you were growing up? How does your upbringing impact your beliefs today?

19th century author and journalist Dostoevsky said: “Without God, everything is permitted.” Thus, knowing the answer to today’s question helps us know how to live: whether in submission to God or to ourselves.

A. W. Tozer famously quipped, “What comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” With that let’s look at how others answered this important question in the first video: *Pulse of the World on Knowing God*.

### **Watch (2:26 minutes)**

[Pulse of the World on Knowing God](#)

This is a short video expressing different people’s viewpoints on the question.

1. Did you identify with anyone’s expressed views in the film? If so, who and what resonated with you?
2. To what would you attribute the 11% decline in the belief in God over the past 20 years?

### **Scripture Passage**

1 Peter 1:13-2:12 and 2 Peter 1:3-11

### **Introduction**

We are reading a letter that Peter, one of Jesus disciple’s, wrote to his fellow Jewish Christians. A lot of what Peter is writing to his brothers and sisters is referring back to Levitical Law from Moses regarding the conduct of those who follow and believe in God. We will see language that emphasizes our call to pursue holiness because God is holy. In this passage, we also see who makes us holy. Peter speaks of our conduct and how we are to desire the things of the Lord that will give us real nourishment. He speaks to his fellow believers regarding what our lives are supposed to look like as it reflects faith in Jesus.

### **Read and Discuss 1 Peter 1:13-2:12:**

1. How do we prepare ourselves for holy actions/conduct? Where does it begin? (v. 13)
2. How does this passage describe obedience and what it requires of us? (v. 14-17; 2:1-3, 11-12)
3. According to this passage, holiness is both our identity as God's people and also a task we are called to do. Discuss this truth by pointing out specific verse references in this passage.
4. Who or what are we to set our minds on?

### **Questions to discuss for 2 Peter 1:3-11:**

1. Who has given us the power to live a godly life and how did he do this?
2. What are we supposed to supplement our faith with?
  - a. What would your life look like if it reflected those "supplements" to faith?
  - b. What would our community and the world look like if Christians lived these out intentionally?
3. How do these verses help us to answer the question: *How does my belief in God shape my everyday life?*

### **Wrap Up**

2 Peter lays out a pattern of living and things we are to be pursuing. What's so important to remember is that this change doesn't come overnight but is a daily pursuit, a lifetime commitment. Start small and allow God's truth, His word, and your community of Christians to help shape and form you! All of these things are ours in the Lord. As we keep Him our focal point and end-all, we will confirm our calling from the Lord and not allow our faith to be idle and dead. James 1:19-27 further expresses the needs of our present engagement with and practice of relationship with God. As we go from here, cling to the words of God on a daily basis. Let your reading of God's Word become your prayers for that day. Ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to help you and guide you.