



## EXPLORE GOD DISCUSSION GUIDE — WEEK 4 —



**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**  
Ephesians 2:8-9

**MAIN POINT & JESUS CONNECTION:**  
Jesus made a way for us to have a personal relationship with God.

### LEADER CORNER

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to know that Jesus loves them and made a way for them to have a personal relationship with God.

#### THINK ABOUT THIS

This is the most important question of all! **Review the 5 points of the Gospel before you lead your discussion.** If someone says they want to be in a personal relationship with God but they aren't sure if they have accepted them in their heart, review this guide with them and if they are ready to accept – walk them through the prayer!

#### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

### CONVERSATION GUIDE

#### GET THEM TALKING

What did you connect with in the video?  
What stories stood out to you? Why?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think the dad meant by his quote: "My kids didn't do anything to earn my love, they couldn't do anything to lose it." Why did he bring this up when talking about a relationship with God?"
2. What do you think about the quote: "No amount of us mustering up good acts will ever outweigh the bad acts we do. The problem is this: it's not that we're bad. Scripture says that we are dead. And how loud does an alarm clock have to be awake a dead man."
3. How is this different from what some people think?

#### **READ EPHESIANS 2:8-9 and answer the following questions:**

4. Many people try to be "good enough" to go to heaven, but what is the way these verses say our relationship with God was earned?
5. How does someone know if they are in a personal relationship with God?
6. How does someone begin a personal relationship with God?
7. How can you be there for friends who aren't in a personal relationship with God yet?

#### NEXT STEP

We might be in different places on our beliefs, but we can all take a next step closer to Jesus this week.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ACCEPTED JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR – take time on your own this week to PRAY, to consider what is holding you back and bring that to God.

IF YOU ALREADY ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS – pray for someone in your life who isn't. And as a double dog dare challenge – share about the hope you have in Jesus with them.

#### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

## MAIN SCRIPTURE

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.”

## BONUS LEADER RESOURCE

### **WEEKLY TEXT IDEA:**

“Hey! Hope your week is going well! We are continuing to explore God together and tonight we are talking about if it is really possible for us to have a relationship with the One who made the stars? Can’t wait to hear your thoughts!”