



HSM PRESENTS: EXPLORE GOD SERIES OVERVIEW



SERIES AT A GLANCE

TEACHING THEME

Apologetics: Who is God? What is He like? How do I know? The win is for students to explore their questions about God, seek answers, and become anchored in their beliefs about God.

SERIES OVERVIEW

We've all had questions about life and God: Is there a God? How can we know Him? Why does God allow pain and suffering? **The answers to these questions really drive the purpose and direction of our lives**, yet sometimes it's hard to know how to get these answers. Don't be intimidated if you don't have the answers - that's what **we want to explore together!** Each week we will talk about a different question together and discuss:

- 1) How am I wrestling with this question?
- 2) What insight(s) from the Bible can I hold onto during my wrestling?
- 3) How can I be there for others who are wrestling with this question?

HIGH SCHOOL HACK

As leaders, we don't have to be afraid or worried when people ask questions, even questions about their faith and God. **A natural part of someone growing and owning their faith is asking questions.** You have a huge potential to help shape someone's faith development by pointing them in the right direction to learn how to answer deep questions of the soul. **The biggest questions only God is big enough to answer.** And God Himself says He is with those who are searching: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." – Jeremiah 29:13

WEEK BY WEEK

WEEK 1: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021 IS CHRISTIANITY TOO NARROW?

- MAIN POINT: Jesus said some controversial things about the way for us to follow God.
- MAIN SCRIPTURES: John 14:6 & Matthew 7:13-14
- JESUS CONNECTION: The only way to restore our broken relationship with God is to believe Jesus conquered death on the cross to rescue us from our sin.
- OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES: John 10:1-18, Acts 4:12, & Jeremiah 29:4-14

WEEK 2: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14 IS THE BIBLE LEGIT?

- MAIN POINT: We can trust the Bible is the most legit source of truth ever.
- MAIN SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- JESUS CONNECTION: Jesus is worthy of our trust.
- SECONDARY TEACHING POINTS:
 - The Bible is true, absolute truth. (More than YouTube or popular opinion).
 - The Bible is inerrant. (Without error – no contradictions, fulfilled prophecies)
 - The Bible is trustworthy enough to follow with our lives.

WEEK 3: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 WHY DOES GOD ALLOW PAIN AND SUFFERING?

- MAIN POINTS: (1) Suffering is a consequence of sin in the world. (2) We are not alone in our suffering.
- MAIN SCRIPTURE(S): Romans 5:12; Isaiah 43:1-2
- JESUS CONNECTION: Jesus chose to go through brutal pain and suffering because He knew He was the only one who could rescue us from our sin.
- OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 3, 1 John 16:33 & 1 Peter 3:18
- SECONDARY TEACHING POINTS:
 - Jesus has overcome pain, suffering, death, sin – all of it!

WEEK 4: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28 HOW CAN I KNOW GOD?

- MAIN POINT: Jesus made a way for us to have a personal relationship with God.
- MAIN SCRIPTURE(S): Ephesians 2:8-9
- JESUS CONNECTION: Same as main point
- OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 1:27, Romans 3:23, John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10
- SECONDARY TEACHING POINTS:
 - The Gospel (5 points of the Gospel)