

# **“The Author of Everything: God”**

“Small Groups Lesson #1

Genesis 1: 1

## **A. Hook**

1. Has there ever been a time and place when you were keenly aware of the Presence of God? Tell a little about the moment and how you felt afterwards.
2. Someone once said, “Some people cannot discover the existence of God for the same reason a thief cannot discover a policeman.” What does that mean? Do you agree?
3. Read the Psalm below. Do you think more people honestly search for God and do not find Him, or live in defiance of God and therefore deny him rather than outright defy Him?

The fool[ says in his heart,  
“There is no God.”  
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;  
there is no one who does good.  
The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind  
to see if there are any who understand,  
any who seek God. (Psm 14: 1-2)

## **B. Look:       When We Say, “God Exists”...**

1. Have we stated the “root” out of which all else grows? Does our World-View begin here? Why or why not?
2. Have we taken a bigger leap of faith than an atheist?
3. Have we really done so by faith, or is it more a cultural condition we inherited from our parents?
4. Read below. Is it possible to have a faith that is based upon evidence and arrived at by reason, experience and revelation?

## How might that be?

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **6** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him **must believe that he exists** and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek** him.” (Heb. 11: 1, 6)

5. Scott listed 9 arguments often made for the existence of God. Which do you find most compelling? Is it possible to arrive at “faith” by a weighting of all/some of these evidences together?

1. Law of Cause & Effect:
2. Argument from Life:
3. Argument from Design:
4. Elaborate Detail:
5. Purposeful Design:
6. Internal Moral Law:
7. Idea of Perfection:
8. Unfolding View of History:
9. Personal Experience:

### C. Book:

- Read the following passages one by one briefly commenting upon what they say about the existence of God:
  - Psalm 19: 1-4
  - Hebrews 3: 4
  - Romans 1: 18f
  - Acts 17: 29
  - Rev. 4: 11
  - Romans 2: 12-15

### D. Took: **Because God Rewards Those Who Seek Him...**

- Ponder the “Elaborate Detail” of God’s Creation and consider what it means that our God gives thought and concern to even the most minute of detail. Does he care for you?

- Ponder the Immense Power and consider what it means to serve a God who molds mountains and tells the sun and moon where to stand and when to step back? Is anything too difficult for Him?
- Consider the magnitude of God's Bounty and Generosity and ponder what it means for the people of Corpus Christi, Houston, the Caribbean and Florida. Is God able to provide for them? What about for you?
- In what way has all of creation and all that God has accomplished been done to prepare the way for Jesus? How is Jesus the ultimate expression of the existence of God?

Food for Thought from Life of Moses...

1. God IS...
2. God IS Bigger...
3. God IS so Big He's Indescribable...

**Closing Prayer:** "Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

(Rom. 11: 33-36)