

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT GOD EXISTS?

1 Peter 3:15

Apologetics 2025 — Week 1

**ICEBREAKER:** What's your favorite book of the Bible? Explain.

**OVERVIEW:** A 2022 Gallup survey found that 81% of Americans profess belief in God. That's an all-time low, but it's still 81%. Why do so many people believe in something they can't see. 81% don't believe in Santa Claus, or the Tooth Fairy, or in aliens. Why do so many people believe in God? The answer is that God has made His existence obvious. In this discussion we will go deeper with the three main arguments for the existence of God.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. When did you first start believing in God?
3. Why do you believe in God?
4. Does it take more faith to be a theist or an atheist? Explain.
5. Read Romans 1:18-23 and answer the following questions.
  - a. What does this passage say about God's existence?
  - b. According to this passage, why don't people believe in God?
  - c. What does it mean that people suppress the truth?

6. Refer to Sunday's sermon for the following questions. What is the cosmological argument for the existence of God?
7. Do scientists believe the universe is eternal, or that it had a beginning? Explain. Why is this significant for the debate about God's existence?
8. What is the teleological argument for God's existence?
9. What is it about the universe that makes it look like it was designed on purpose?
10. What is the moral law argument for God's existence?
11. How do we know that deep down, just about everyone believes in moral absolutes? Why is this significant for the debate about God's existence?
12. How would you respond to someone who says that our moral sensibility is the product of millions of years of evolution?

**The Last Word:** "God never performed a miracle to convince an atheist because His ordinary works provide sufficient evidence."  
Blaise Pascal, French Philosopher and Mathematician

