



BELIEVE STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1 (3/11): GOD

Personal Study

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements. The study guide will closely follow Randy Frazee's book, "Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus." You can purchase a copy of the book online at www.amazon.com or get a copy from Mardel's bookstore. This study guide is designed to help you consider what you are learning. Use these study guides as you prepare to read each chapter of "Believe", listen to Robert's sermon series and study the material on your own.

KEY IDEA: I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **KEY VERSE** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. — 2 Corinthians 13:14

KEY QUESTION: Who is God?

Chapter 1: God

Belief in God is the very foundation of the Christian faith. Christianity is the only spiritual belief system based on a Creator-God who had no beginning, who interacts with His creation as a plural being and who actively demonstrates His superiority over all other gods and beings.

Read: Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:20; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF:

Everything begins with God. The existence of creation implies the existence of a Creator, and the nature of the creation implies that He was wise enough to plan to and powerful enough to execute His plan and maintain what He had made. So complex a universe demands a Creator who can do anything, who knows everything, and who is present everywhere. The Bible never seeks to defend the existence of God. It is assumed. God has revealed Himself so powerfully through His creation — both at the macro and micro level — that at the end of the day, no one will have an excuse for not putting their trust in Him.

This week read Believe, Chapter 1: God: Then spend some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and reflecting on what you personally believe about who God is.

Read

Read Believe Chapter 1: God *and answer the following questions.*

1. What patterns do you observe in these Scriptures?
2. As you read these passages, what questions came to mind?
3. What did you read that surprised you? Challenged you? Inspired you? Confused you?
4. On numerous occasions the Israelites struggled to follow God only. In what ways can you relate to them?
5. Why do you think Joshua was able to confidently put his faith in God alone, while others struggled with divided hearts?
6. In your own words, describe how God can be “three” and “one.”

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 1: God, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1–6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

_____ I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God.

_____ I believe the God of the Bible is one in essence but distinct in person - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

_____ I believe Jesus is God in the flesh—who died and rose bodily from the dead.

_____ I believe the Holy Spirit is God and dwells in Christians to empower them to live the Christian life.

