

sessions at a glance: knowing the God who is

UNIT 1: problems in knowing God (3 weeks)

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	How do we know God exists?	God exists and reveals his invisible attributes—his eternal power and divine nature—in creation.	Rom. 1:16–32
2	Creating idols—who, me?	People create false idols rather than believe in the true God who reveals himself in the Bible.	Isa. 44:9–23; 45:18–22
3	Is being a Christian worth it?	Yes, nothing is more desirable than knowing God and being secure in him.	Ps. 73

UNIT 2: getting to know God (3 weeks)

4	Why are people separated from God?	Sin separates people from God.	Isa. 59:1–21
5	Who makes the first move?	People cannot be redeemed unless God makes the first move in their salvation.	Rom. 3:10–11; John 6:35–44; Matt. 11:20–27; 1 Cor. 1:23; 2:6–16; Rom. 5:8–9; Eph. 1:3–10
6	What is a Christian?	A Christian is a person who is born again by the Holy Spirit, repents of his sin, and believes in Jesus as Savior.	John 3:1–8, 16–21; Eph. 2:1–10; Matt. 11:28–30

UNIT 3: loving God (3 weeks)

7	How is marriage like Christ's relationship to the church?	Christ loves the church and gave himself up for her. Marriage is designed to reflect that relationship.	Eph. 5:22–33
8	How do believers demonstrate their love for God?	Believers respond to God's love by trusting him and obeying his commands.	1 John 5:1–5; Matt. 22:34–40; Deut. 4:1–14; 5:6–21
9	How do we honor God's name?	We show our love for God by reverently treating his name with awe through worship, trust, and obedience.	Ex. 20:7; Ja. 1:22–26

UNIT 4: knowing God's character (4 weeks)

10	Why are God's omniscience and omnipresence important to us?	Because God's dependable character helps us trust him more and changes how we think and live.	Ps. 139
11	What is God like? (Part 1)	There is only one God. He is triune, self-sufficient, eternal, and unchanging.	selected topical passages (printed in <i>Examine</i>)
12	What is God like? (Part 2)	The one true God is wise, good, loving, holy, righteous, and sovereign.	selected topical passages (printed in <i>Examine</i>)
13	God is with us ... so why do we suffer?	God's ways cannot always be understood, but he can be trusted because he is always wise, good, and sovereign.	Job (selected passages)