



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Encounter*  
Message: *Is God Real?*

Scripture: *Various*

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## —[ LET'S START ]—

Pastor Dale had us use our imaginations this weekend. We pictured ourselves as college freshmen, just entering a secular university and a Philosophy 101 class. The professor of the class is hostile towards Christianity, to say the least.

We all face challenges to our faith in Christ? What have been some of the greatest challenges that your faith has faced?

## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.

2. Read Acts 17:17-34

We are not the first Christians to deal with people who believe very differently than we believe. What does Acts 17:17-34 teach us about:

- God?
- Paul?
- The people of Athens?

3. What can you put into practice from the story found in Acts 17:17-34?

4. Who do you know that needs to hear what God has taught you from this passage?

5. Read Hebrews 13:8, and Hebrews 1:2

What do these passages teach us about God?

How did Dale say that these passages help support the evidence of God's existence?

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—[ **LET'S ACT** ]—

There is perhaps no place in our nation that the faith of Christians comes under attack as much as in academia. Take time as a group to pray for students. Pray for those students who grew up at Wooddale Church. Pray that their faith would shine brightly and that their minds would grow deeply rooted in their faith as they seek to live as disciples of Jesus in this generation.

—[ **SERMON REVIEW** ]—

- The Tabernacle was one of the first meeting places outside of the garden where humanity could once again experience God's presence.
- The Tabernacle holds mystery and secrets that can help us encounter God today.
- This sermon will ask the question, "Is there really a God to encounter?"
- If proving God's existence means producing Him on the spot, that is impossible just as it is equally impossible to disprove the existence of God!
- The Presence of the Universe Provides Plenty of Evidence for God's Existence!
  - Everything that exists has an explanation for why it exists. It may exist by its own nature or something caused it to be present!
- If the Universe has an explanation for its existence, that explanation is God!
- Everything that exists has a cause!
- We can confidently say based on science that the universe began to exist!
- The Presence of Morality Provides Plenty of Evidence for the Existence of God.
- There is a growing mass of evidence that affirms a personal intelligence behind all that exists.
- As we begin our series Encounter, the holy scriptures remind us of the reality of the Living God. Approaching Him with a faith and awareness of His reality is what will lead us to discover and experience the secret of His Holy Presence.

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