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Week #2: Why Should I Believe in God in the First Place?

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James 2:19

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder. (NIV)

Key Truth: True belief begins a relationship with God for eternity.

A Relationship with God:

1. Offers _____

Ecclesiastes 1:1-3

*The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:
“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”*

*What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils
under the sun?* (NIV)



2. Gives _____

Ecclesiastes 1:4-8

⁴*Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.*

⁵*The sun rises and the sun sets,
and hurries back to where it rises.*

⁶*The wind blows to the south
and turns to the north;
round and round it goes,
ever returning on its course.*

⁷*All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.*

*To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.*

⁸*All things are wearisome,
more than one can say.*

*The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.* (NIV)

3. Empowers _____

Ecclesiastes 1:9-11

⁹*What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.*

¹⁰*Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?*

*It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.*

¹¹*There is no remembrance of men of old,
and even those who are yet to come
will not be remembered
by those who follow.* (NIV)

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

¹³*Now all has been heard;
here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole [duty] of man.*

¹⁴*For God will bring every deed into judgment,
including every hidden thing,
whether it is good or evil.* (NIV)