

exploreGod™

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Is there a God?



This week, Corey preaches on the existence of God as we continue the Explore God series where 150 Richmond churches tackle some of the toughest questions of Christianity.

READ

Psalm 19:1-4a

John 1: 1-4, 14

REFLECT

1. Have you experienced or are you currently experiencing any semblance of the doubts Corey discussed at the opening of the sermon?
2. What causes you to feel distant or disconnected from God?
3. Sheldon Vanauken wrote "Christianity - in a word, the divinity of Jesus - seemed probable to me. But there is a gap between the probable and the proved. How was I to cross it? If I were to stake my life on the Risen Christ, I wanted proof. I wanted proof. I wanted to see Him ... I wanted letters of fire across the sky. I got none of these. And I continued to hang about on the edge of the gap." Have you felt this way?
4. Corey said that it takes as much faith to disbelieve in God than to believe in Him. Where have you encountered this reality?
5. How is this story of God compelling?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we ignore what we were made for.
- + Ask God to shore up our doubts not with arguments but with Christ.
- + Thank God for writing Himself into our story.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Corey quoted Dick Lucas and delineated between Christianity being a watertight argument and Christ being a watertight person. How does this reality of Christ manifest in your life? Can you shift your life from faith in the argument to faith in Christ? What might result of that shift?
- + What does it mean to you that God has written Himself into our story?
- + How might you incorporate this question and answer not only in your own spiritual life but as a tool to help others to understand the love of God and the true meaning of life?