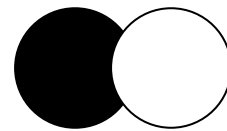


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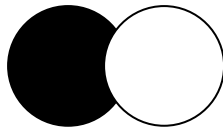
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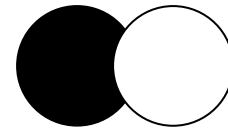
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wk 2: son
wk 3: spirit

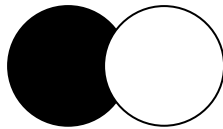


wk 1: discover God - the father

discover:
God who is outside us

key qs:
if God has a personality - then what's it like?
if God knows and sees everything - are we truly free?
if God exists then does 'right' and 'wrong' flow from him?

bible:
genesis 1; john 15

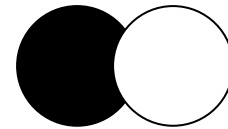


wk 2: discover God - the son

discover:
God who is alongside us

key qs:
how can God become a man?
why would jesus willingly die on the cross?
what are the implications of jesus' death and resurrection?

bible:
john 1, hebrews 1

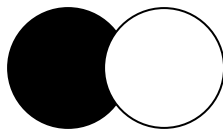


wk 3: discover God - the spirit

discover:
God who is inside us

key qs:
what does it mean to say, 'God lives inside me'?
is God's spirit a living 'person' or inanimate 'force'?
how do i invite God's spirit to come into me?

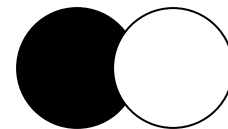
bible:
john 14; john 16



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meet up with people in your area and talk over the issues raised in this discover programme

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inspire devotion to jesus of nazareth
by disseminating his words
In innovative formats

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wk 1: discover God - the father

notes:

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**day 1:
creator**

everything has a beginning:
planets;
stars;
solar systems.
time has a beginning too
and life

a big bang
but who fired the gun?
who pulled the trigger if not someone outside of it all?

and the ability to think and to ask these questions
this God-consciousness
this has an origin too

**jesus of nazareth:
i am the way to the father**

**day 2:
person**

God's a person.
not a person like you or me
not a person with faults and failings
and frailties

but a living being nonetheless
with a personality
with a character
with thoughts and emotions
with plans and purposes

a person
not an impersonal force
not an 'it'
but an ever-living father

jesus of nazareth: i am the way to the father

**day 3:
i am**

'i am'
it's God's name
but not just a name,
it's a description of who God is
of what God is.

it means 'i exist'
it means 'i am un-created
without beginning
without end
i am self-sustaining
complete within myself'

jesus of nazareth takes this name to himself too
'I am'

jesus of nazareth: i am the way to the father

**day 4:
moral**

right and wrong
what do these words really mean?
what makes a thing right
or wrong?
what makes a thing good
or evil

and what of guilt?
that sense of having broken some eternal,
un-changing moral law of the universe

where do these things come from
if not from God?

**jesus of nazareth:
i am the way to the father**

**day 5:
all-knowing**

to know everything
now that's something

to know not just facts and figures
and information
but to know the human heart
its motives
its agendas
its deceptions

compared to God, i guess i don't know all that much
but i do know this much
i can't deceive the all-knowing God

**jesus of nazareth:
i am the way to the father**

**day 6:
all-seeing**

to see everything that's going on
to see and to understand the interplay
between this and that
between here and there
between then - and now - and still-to-come

like cctv
in every situation
like replays in slo-mo
or high resolution images
capturing every little detail.

that's the all-seeing God

**jesus of nazareth:
i am the way to the father**

**day 7:
all-present**

you're everywhere father God.
on the highest mountain
in the deepest sea

if i ride the sunrise, you're there
if i rise on oceans' waves or sail on a ship to the moon
you're there

there's nowhere i go that you aren't already waiting for me

how d'you do that?

**jesus of nazareth:
i am the way to the father**

wk 2: discover God - the son

notes:

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day 1:
promise

if God made promises and failed to deliver
well, he wouldn't be God would he?
he'd be a liar
but when God makes a promise -
it's a guarantee

and God promised he'd send us someone special
someone unique
someone exactly like, well ...God.

Jesus of nazareth is God's promise
delivered

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 2:
man

if God wrapped up all he wanted to say to us
and packed his word in a human body

a baby in a manger
that became a man

and if that man embodied all that is God
if he spoke God's words
lived God's words

he'd be God's living image

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 3:
claims

if a man claims to be God
that's ridiculous.
but what if he acts in a way that leaves us no
other conclusion?

if he speaks and:
the wind and waves obey
blind people see
deaf hear
the dead are raised to life.

surely we'd bow before someone like that

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 4:
crucify

he says,
'God and i are one and the same'
then all hell breaks loose

but it seems that for Jesus of nazareth,
crucifixion's more self-sacrifice than execution
more to do with him giving his life
than having it taken from him

why'd he do that?

why volunteer for death?

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 5:
death

dead and buried
then talk of 'alive'
the two don't go together - do they?
'cause death is part of life for us all

but
what would happen if someone who'd raised dead
people
someone who could create life
were to die?

i'm thinking death couldn't hold someone like that

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 6:
living

what if death isn't the end?
if the silence of earth's cold clay isn't the final
word?
or if talk of resurrection's more than just talk?

so many questions
and what of an answer?

i guess most of us need evidence
Jesus of nazareth's the living proof
the answer

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

day 7:
forever

forever's a long time
longer than i can imagine
forever's on a scale that's outside time
and space
forever's the realm God inhabits

Jesus of nazareth lives there too
he says, i am alive
for ever
and ever

he not only says it
evidence says it's true
witness statements concur

Jesus of nazareth:
if you've seen me; you've seen God

wk 3: discover God - the spirit

notes:

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**day 1:
within**

if the father's God outside of me
and
if Jesus of Nazareth's God beside me
then
the spirit's surely God inside me

closer than a lover, a friend, sister, brother, parent, child
God within me
to guide
comfort
counsel
correct
now I get to know God
direct from God himself?

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the spirit of truth will be with you and within you for ever**

**day 2:
guide**

who knows what life holds?
we make our plans
but there's no controlling the unexpected.

sometimes seems we're walking a path
in the dark
an unknown road

a guide would be good
someone who knows what's up ahead
who'll lead - step at a time
an inner voice
from God

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the spirit will guide you into all truth**

**day 3:
comforter**

troubles come
that's the way it is.
some problems are of our own making
some are of others' making
some are circumstance
sometimes they break us

but if God loves us
would he leave us bereft?
like orphans or widows?
no - he comes alongside
he comes inside
to bring comfort

**Jesus of Nazareth:
don't let your heart be troubled -
trust in God; trust also in me**

**day 4:
counsellor**

if I knew what to do in every situation
I'd have the wisdom of Solomon

some people'd have you think they're in complete control
but even they'd do well to listen to God's counsel
to God's spirit
who comes as an advisor

think I'll be asking his advice more often.

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the father will send a counsellor - the spirit of truth**

**day 5:
truth**

truth.
lies.

in a world of uncertainty
where everything's just varying shades of grey
just a matter of personal opinion
is there such a thing as ultimate truth?
immoveable truth?

Jesus of Nazareth says there is
he says he's the truth and that the spirit'll lead you there
to him

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the spirit will guide you into all truth**

**day 6:
witness**

I can't prove God exists
or that Jesus lives
not in ways that're definitive, tangible proof

but there's a voice within
it's the voice of God -
his spirit
he bears witness that these things're true
that's proof
enough for me
beyond reasonable doubt
and I'll bear witness to that

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the spirit of truth who goes out from the father
will testify
about me**

**day 7:
free**

the wind blows where it pleases
sometimes gentle
sometimes powerful
always free
I can't see the wind
but I know it's there from what it does

God's spirit blows freely too
into and through your life and mine

if we let him
he'll transform our motives; our lifestyle;
our future

**Jesus of Nazareth:
the wind blows where it pleases
- so it is with everyone born of the spirit**

