



What is God Really Like?  
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Discussion Guide: Week 2

### **Lean In**

- Share a favorite movie that got you thinking about God or Jesus in a new way? What did you like or not like about that portrayal?

### **Look Around**

- How does our culture answer the question: What is God Like?
- If you have had a conversation with a friend around this “Big” question, what did they say God was like? Was he a: Cosmic Cop? Kindly Grandfather? Divine Watchmaker? Celestial Santa Claus?

### **Look Down**

- Read Ephesians 1:1-14
- In this this passage the Apostle Paul reminds us that God: blesses (v. 3), chooses (v. 4), predestines (v. 5), gives (v.6), reveals (v. 9), unites (v. 10) works things out (v. 11).
  - Which of those activities of God bring you the most comfort? Why?
  - Which of those activities of God is the most difficult for you to trust? Why?
  - Is there anything in the passage or the sermon that caught your attention or challenged you?
  - What confused you or what didn't you understand?

### **Look In**

*This week's Big Idea to this Big Question:*  
“God is at WORK, for US, in Christ.”

- Share a time when you really KNEW God was at WORK in your life.
- Share a time when you really WONDERED if God was at work in your life.
- What do you do when you can see no evidence of God at work in your life?
- How does the phrase “in Christ” change how you view the hardship you go through?

### **Look Beyond**

- How can knowing that God is at WORK, in YOU, in CHRIST, impact what comes your way this week?
- What step will you take in your walk with God based on this discussion?