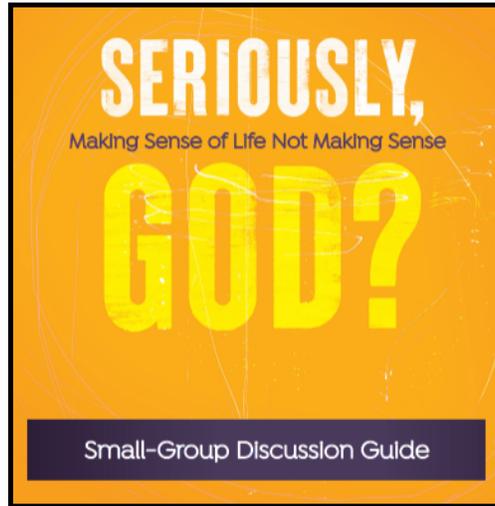


WEEK ONE - FIRST MEETING



Small Group Discussion Questions

Opening Prayer

Lord God, Creator of all that is good, bless this gathering of your people, and guide our search to know and love you more fully. Help us open our hearts and minds to learn from and love one another. Teach us kindness, patience, and gentleness of spirit. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

1. What led you to start reading this book? Is there a singular struggle or event that nudged you toward learning more about God? Only say as much as you are comfortable sharing.

2. What do you remember most clearly about your childhood experience of religion? What did you believe about God as you were growing up?



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3. What questions do you now want answered about God?

4. Has anyone in your experience provided responses to your questions that seem adequate? What made those answers seem right?

5. What do you think of each of the three principles the authors ask you to keep in mind as you read this book? (See pages xx–xxvii of *Seriously, God?*)

Closing Prayer

Good and gracious God, all glory belongs to you. Thank you for this time spent together, sharing our stories, our struggles, our insights, and our concern for one another. Help us to grow closer to one another and to you, who remain with us always, even when we do not see you at work in our lives— ever loving, ever guiding, ever calling us to be more like you in all we do. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.