

exploreGod

Can I Know God Personally?

Selected Scriptures

Sin is the vandalism of “shalom.”

Love is the response of God to sin.

Jesus suffers in our place on the cross.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Define sin. How does sin – even the little sins – damage the world? What is shalom? How would your life be different if no one had sinned against you?
2. Why is it unloving just to ignore sin? How does God show His love to us? Read Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:10.
3. Think about why Jesus died on the cross. See Isaiah 53, 2 Corinthians 5:21. How does that change the way you understand love?
4. If a person accepts the gift of salvation in Jesus, how does that change their personal relationship with God? Be specific.



Memory Verse

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

1 John 4:10