

Study Guide for Get This! Study 1

These notes are to be used in conjunction with the book, Get This!

Notes

DISCUSS THIS:

1. How does it make you feel when you think about how huge the universe is?
2. Ned shared a few things that we can figure out about God by just looking at His creation. What were they? Can you think of some others?
3. What do you think about the sun analogy? What would happen if sunlight did not come to earth? What would happen if you tried to go to the sun? How does that parallel with the sun analogy in the book?
4. Ned wrote that if Jesus is the exact representation of God, then everything we know about Jesus is true about God, and anything that is not true about Jesus is false about God.

Brainstorm things you know to be true about Jesus. What do these things show us about who God really is?

Now think about the opposite. What are things that people believe about God that are not true about Jesus? How do you think these people got these beliefs?

5. Read that E. Stanley Jones quote again. What's he saying? Do you agree with him?

TRY THIS:

1. Watch Louis Giglio's "Indescribable" talk on YouTube. It's unbelievable.
2. Go to NASA's Hubble Telescope Site and look around awhile. It's also unbelievable. <http://hubblesite.org/gallery/>
3. Check out this web tool that helps give a little perspective on the universe. Both big AND small. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaGEjrADGPA>

Study Guide for Get This! Study 3

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DISCUSS THIS:

1. How important are relationships to you? Why do you think that is? How do you think your desire for relationships relates to God's desire for relationship?

2. What does it mean that God meant us to live naked?

Did you notice that when Adam and Eve messed up, they sewed fig leaves to cover themselves?

What are the "fig leaves" that you or your friends wear?

3. Do you agree that you and I cannot be the persons God meant us to be? Why or why not?

4. Explain in your own words how Jesus' death on the cross satisfies "the law."

5. What do you think of the Finding Nemo example? [If you want to watch it, you can go to YouTube and search for the "News Travels Fast" scene and the "Nigel and Nemo" scene; if you have the DVD, it's Chapter 17. 56 minutes to 60:30ish minutes.]

6. Is the fact that God died for you because He loves you easy or difficult for you to accept? Why or why not?

TRY THIS:

1. Read Genesis 3:1-13. What are the lies the serpent tells Eve?

It says Adam was with her. So does that mean he is equally guilty? How does the clean-it-up, cover-it-up, and blame-it-away "solution" play out in these verses?

2. Brainstorm other stories or examples that remind you of God's love. What are the unifying factors in all these stories?

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DISCUSS THIS:

1. Have you ever gotten special treatment because of a connection or “whose you were”? Have you ever thought of Jesus as “your connection?”
2. How does Ned’s observations about the meaning of the word *belief* change your understanding of what it means to believe in Jesus?
3. What do you think of the Pamper Pole analogy? In your words, what’s the difference between belief from the ground and belief from on top?

Do you think that belief from the ground is belief at all? Why or why not?

4. What did you think of Ned’s story about the dinoflagellate bloom? How do you think this story parallels people’s experience with Jesus?

What are the things that keep people from going all-in?

Where do you find yourself in the story? Are you standing on the shore? Are you kicking your feet in the shallow water? Or you all-in?

TRY THIS:

1. Watch the scene in “Life of Pi.” You can find it here at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vGhezgI5Es>.
2. Why would it not be a good idea to jump off your roof? The harness and rope, right? How is a relationship with Jesus like a harness and rope?
3. Take out your journal and write down all the things you have let “define you” and who it was you listened to. A belief list, you could say.

Then, start another list of all the things Jesus says about you.

