

Part 7: God is Alive!

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What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

- A.W. Tozer

God is Creator

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. - Genesis 1:1

God is Jesus

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

God is understanding

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. – Hebrews 4:15

God is self-sacrificing

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. – John 3:16-17

God is merciful

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

God is alive!

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "8 Then they remembered his words. - Luke 24:1-8

God is alive in us

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. - Romans 6:11

God is forgiving

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

Next Steps

We are about to begin a whole new season of groups and classes for spiritual health and growth. On your way out today, be sure to pick up a copy of CTK Life to read about all the options for next steps in your journey with God. Registration starts this weekend for many of the classes, so don't miss out on these opportunities! CTK Life is also available for download at ctkbellingham.com/ctklife.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever had a "God" conversation that shocked you? What happened?
- 2) What comes into your mind when you think about God?
- 3) Which of this week's "God is" statements and supporting scripture is the most challenging for you to believe? Why?
- 4) Has the reality of the resurrection changed your everyday life? In what way?
- 5) Have you experienced the forgiveness of God? How has this affected your ability to forgive others?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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