**Lies about God - Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. According to Canadian census information, “no religious affiliation” increased from 12% in 1991 to 23% in 2011. Why do you think the percentage of irreligious people is growing so fast in Canada?** (People immigrating from atheist countries, perceived irrelevance of the church, evolutionary teaching in schools, or other reasons?)

**2. How do we develop our understanding about God?** (Scripture, other religious writings, experience, tradition, superstition, etc.)

**3. Was your earthly father a good or bad example of our heavenly Father?**

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**4. Read Psalm 115:8. How are we shaped by our view of God?**

**5. Read Hebrews 11:6. What has been the strongest proof for you that God exists?**

**6. Do you agree or disagree with the following quotation: “To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul’s paradox of love.” (Tozer). What have you done lately to pursue God?**

**7. Read Genesis 3:1-5. How does the devil try to undermine the goodness of God? What has made you doubt the goodness of God lately?**

**8. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. Does this passage to Jewish people who were forcibly removed from their land still describe God’s attitude toward us today? Does God want the best for you and have plans for good in your life?**

**9. Read Psalm 34:8, John 10:10 and James 1:17. What has happened lately that would affirm God’s goodness in your life?**

**10. Read John 10:3-5. Does Jesus still speak to believers today? How does he speak? (**through dreams (Job 33:14-16), through an audible voice to Samuel (1 Sam.3) and Saul (Acts 9); through angels to Abraham (Gen.18) and Daniel (Dan.10); through a burning bush to Moses (Ex.3); through a donkey (Num. 22:30); through His Word (Heb. 4:12).

**11. Why does God want to speak to us?** (Because He loves us and wants relationship with us)

**Why might some believers not want to hear God speak to them?** (They don’t want to be deceived or they don’t want to do what God might say)

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**12. Read 1 Peter 5:7. What circumstance in your life right now most challenges the truth that God cares about you?**

**13. About what issue would you most like to hear God’s voice these days?**

**Spend some time in worship as a group, and also devote some time to listening prayer. Then intercede for each other as each one expresses a need.**