

Discipleship 101
Learning to Take Christianity Seriously

Session #2—A God Who Speaks: Purpose, Design, Righteousness, and the Creator

1. We are God's creatures which means we too have a righteousness.
2. Read Genesis 2:15-17. What does it mean for Adam and Eve to be righteous toward creation? (Genesis 1:28).
3. Toward whom else do Adam and Eve have a righteousness?
4. How does Genesis 2:15-17 reflect what we know from the First Commandment?
[“You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.”]
5. God created us to be righteous toward Him, and this righteousness is defined by _____, _____, and _____.
6. Fear, love, and trust is what is typically called _____. Faith proceeds from the heart. (Deut. 8:2; Psalm 51:10; Matthew 15:17-19; Romans 10:6-10). Gift example. Forgiveness example.
7. This isn't a matter of “if” but a matter of “who” or “what.” Atheist example.
8. We are to fear God. He is the Creator, and we are not. The fear of the Lord means a deep respect better thought of as _____. Ecclesiastes 12:13. What is the connection between fearing God and keeping His commandments?
9. We are to love God. God creates solely out of unconditional love, which we often call _____. Amazing Grace example. Steadfast love example. Psalm 136:1-9.
10. We are to trust Him. He made us and all things, which means he knows what's best for us. Plus, He's given us this creation within which to fulfill His will. Psalm 40:3-5.
11. Righteousness toward God as His creatures is: 1) we don't get to decide good and bad for ourselves. 2) God gets to decide good and bad. 3) When we fear, love, and trust in God for all things (i.e., we have faith in God), we're being righteous.
12. Believing. Belonging. Behaving.