

# I want to believe but.....

**God doesn't exist to serve us. We exist to serve him.**

## 1. God is always loving.

Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? **Romans 8:35**

No. In all these things and everything you can think of, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth or anything else in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Romans 8:37-38**

## 2. His ways are always higher than our ways.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." **Isaiah 55:8-9**

## 3. God's presence is always enough.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, Because you're with me. **Psalms 23:6**

**Until God is all that you have, you'll never even realize God is all you need.**

## For your small group:

Read John 4: 1-30. This is a passage that helps us get to know the character of Jesus. He is not "on-demand God" but meets us on his terms.

1. What do you think the Apostle John meant when he wrote that Jesus had to go through Samaria? What do you think may have been His reasons for choosing this route? (Verse 4).
2. Why do you think this woman would come to get water at the hottest part of the day?
3. Why did Jesus begin a conversation by asking her for a drink?
4. What does Christ's reaching across the divide (to a woman and a Samaritan) teach us about the character of Jesus?
5. With what things do people try to fill their lives but then find them lacking in fulfillment?
6. What is a gift, and what is meant by the gift of God?
7. Why did the Lord say that she was to ask Him for the gift of God before it could be received?
8. Why did Jesus ask her to bring her husband? Why didn't He just give her the water about which He had spoken?