TALK IT OVER

The God Who Comes for Us

BOTTOM LINE

God has been pursuing you since the beginning of time.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who is the "oldest friend," (known the longest) you have who is still active in your life? Where and when did you meet?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear? What do you think? What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- <u>God's Pursuit of Us</u> twominute read from Proverbs 31 Ministries

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For the perfect Light of Truth was coming into the world to shine upon everyone. He entered into the world he created, yet the world was unaware. He came to the people he created—to those who should have received him, but they did not recognize him. But those who embraced him and took hold of his name he gave authority to become the children of God! He was not born by the joining of human parents or from natural means, or by a man's desire, but he was born of God. And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! We gazed upon his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth! John 1:9-14 TPT

"These gods (the ones the Old Testament cultures mention) were ruthless, demanding that people do ridiculous things in order to appease them (even child sacrifice). But our God is different. Instead of demanding things FROM us, He came FOR us." – Sarah Alderfer

"The same Holy Spirit who came to the disciples now lives in us. The rest of the Bible is about God filling His people with His Spirit to expand His kingdom here on earth." – Sarah Alderfer

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Our faith is so different from any other. Every other religion has gods that must be appeased. What are some of the examples that come to mind? But instead of our God demanding things FROM us, He has always come FOR us. What OT examples can you remember that show His pursuit? How does the story of Abraham show it? How does the Tabernacle illustrate His coming for us? Jesus came to live with us and walk with us. Discuss why His becoming truly human matters. Why did Jesus promise the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit come to live inside us? How do we experience Him in our daily lives? What "gods" have you served? Are there any you are serving now? What demands did they make/are they making on your life? Can you share a story of how God came for you? Is God transforming you now in some way? Share.

ACTION STEP

God came for me! I will drop every "god" that vies for my attention and affection (specifically ______) and respond with a whole heart to Him. I will let God's Holy Spirit fill me and transform me.

