

Just Curious...about Christian Faith

1. What kind of God don't you believe in?

Why do we believe in God at all?

-where do we get our picture of God from?

We believe in God when we look at the world around us

....could this all be an accident?

....or is there a designer behind it all?

....am I just an accident?

But...is this God still involved and active in our world?

....could the designer just be sitting and watching?

....or is God a tyrant who needs appeasing?

....or is God a loving God who accepts everything & allows anything?

Where does our picture/view of God come from?

- **From observation & life-experience**

....of the world, of our own lives.

- **From the Bible**

....Christians also look to Bible for a picture of God

What kind of God do Christians at Main Street Community Church believe in?

1. A God of LOVE

- **We believe in a Creator God**

Who not only got things started but is actively involved day-to-day

Bible : Colossians 1 vs 15 – 17

God works in our world through his Son, Jesus.

- **We believe in a Caring/Loving God**

Bible : Deuteronomy 7 v 7 – 9

God first showed his love to nation of Israel but always intended this to be seen by all peoples and all nations

Bible : John 3 v 16

- **We believe in a self-revealing God**

Bible : Romans 1 v 20

God's character seen in creation though spoilt by man's greed

2. A HOLY God

HOLY = “set apart” ; without evil

Note : Evil is the consequence of God's decision to give man free will.

BIBLE : Leviticus 11 vs 44,45

...a Holy God means that those who relate to him must also be Holy

So

We believe in a God who loves all men & women

But

We believe in a God who hates evil and cannot relate to those who are not Holy

BIBLE : Romans 3 v 23

ALL are guilty before God.

3. A JUST God

BIBLE : Isaiah 61 v 8

A God who hates injustice....

A God who has set out his standards....

The Ten Commandments [Exodus 20]

Summary :

What kind of God DO Christians believe in?

The Christian (Biblical) message is :

A God who loves

..not just the world, but each person individually

BUT

A God from whom we are separated

..because we cannot meet the standards of God's holiness & justice

BUT

A God who has sent his Son, Jesus Christ

..and through him to enjoy Relationship with God.

More about Jesus next week!