


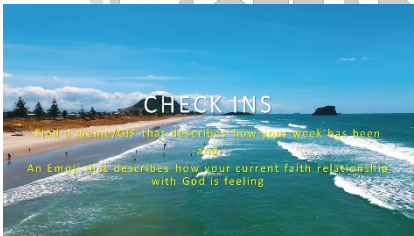

Immeasurable

Limitless God | Limited world – Ephesians 3.14-21



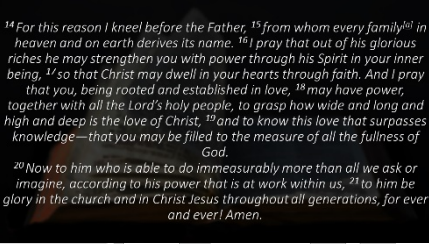

Themes: Limits, expectations, worldly vs. Godly

Summary: A devotional discussion that seeks to explore the relationship of measures and limits against a God we understand to be immeasurable. Everything in life can be quantified or measured in some way via a unit of measurement. God, however, doesn't fit into this box, rather constantly goes beyond what we see or expect. How then can we better understand this and then translate this understanding into the everyday life of our faith journey.

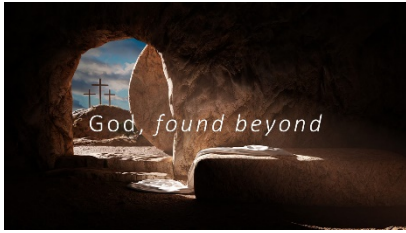
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SLIDE	Notes
	<p>1. Blank Slide Take time for introductions, welcome, prayers etc.</p>
	<p>2. Ice Breaker – Check in <i>Find a meme/GIF that describes how your week has been and an Emoji that describes how your current faith relationship with God is feeling</i></p> <p>Simple check in exercise to get people warmed up and engaged. If stretched for time you can remove one of the questions. Those without phones can draw or partner up with someone who does have one.</p>
	<p>3. Measure up – quiz game The following slides will have a question which group must answer with a guess in that respective measurement unit. This can be done in teams or individually and you can add a prize component if you wish. Correct or closest answer gets a point.</p>

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	<p>4-15. Various slides of the Game</p>
	<p>16. Ephesians 3.14-20 Introduction slide for the reading. <i>Reading will appear in next slide.</i></p>
	<p>17. Full reading on Slide Invite group to read through reading – either verse each, partners, individually etc. Give time for feedback, questions, thoughts and ideas that may come up in sharing.</p>
	<p>18-19. Ephesians 3.20 – God, the immeasurable God, the immeasurable – The slide for this has a rolling video of the Milky Way galaxy, used to illustrate the magnitude of Gods size and nature. We have to accept the reality that our worldly measures and units have no use when it comes to measuring Gods presence. A further point to illustrate: Use if so wish. <i>The Lunar Calendar vs. Gregorian Calendar</i> The GC is our known way of calendar dates and time which follows the sun. LC, recognised by indigenous people, follows the moon. The difference between the two is that the GC is an attempt to determine over nature when something happens. The LC is the effort to listen and let nature determine the right time and season. Our understanding of God needs to shift from trying to box and measure God and into living reliant on God determining the seasons and measures of our lives himself.</p>

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20-21. God, found beyond

Point to illustrate: The one time the world attempted to put Jesus into a box, He walked out alive 3 days later!

Often, God dwells and exists in places beyond our measures, thoughts and limitations. Where we see the limitless God is in the places beyond where we expect to find Him. This can relate to the way Jesus was found at the margins with vulnerable people, not in the temples dining with the priests and high and mighty. We are constantly challenged to seek God beyond – our human understandings, circumstances, even churches. This is the how we might be able to understand Gods power at work within us.

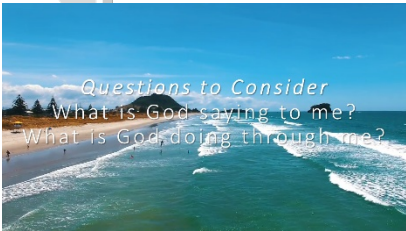


God, seen at work through us

22-25. ~~What can I do?~~ What is God doing?

Sometimes, we get caught up on the idea of trying to find out what *we* can do. What can we do to serve, live, think etc. These are valid questions, but not the starting point. Because whenever we think about ourselves first, we instantly are limited by our own humanity.

Instead, an encouraging starting point is for us to ask *What is God doing?* All in the hope that, like Pauls words, God can be seen at work through us.



26. Questions to Consider

These two reflection questions can be used to close and lead into prayer.

You might want to play a reflective song while group silently reflects on main points of the lesson.