

WHO NEEDS GOD

PART 6: I Do

INTRODUCTION

We all want to be masters of our own destinies. We all want to feel in control of our lives. The idea of autonomy is attractive. It makes life feel ordered and predictable. But our desire for autonomy can stand in the way of faith. One of the biggest barriers to belief in God is that we don't *want* to believe because we don't want to need anyone. But what if autonomy is an illusion?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when you admitted you were wrong about something. How difficult was it for you to change your mind? What happened to cause that change?
2. If God exists, then we're guilty, accountable, and wrong. To what extent has that idea been a barrier to you having a relationship with God?
3. *"To resist accountability to God is to resist relationship with God."* in what ways are you tempted to resist accountability to God? How does that affect your relationship with him?
4. Read Romans 5:6-8. What do these verses say about God's character? Are they difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
5. *"You can belong at church before you believe."* Is this difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to begin or to continue your adult journey of faith? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Don't let the illusion of autonomy stand in the way of a relationship with your heavenly Father. Don't be turned away from God by the prospect that his existence means you're guilty, accountable, and wrong. Acknowledging your sin and reaching out to God don't lead to condemnation. They open the door to forgiveness, relationship, and truth.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8