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Go Deep  
**The Change Will Do You Good**  
**What is our View of God?**  
1.12.20

Check out the link to this video we showed Sunday: <https://youtu.be/fPYyWhtTDmQ> -  
“Kids of Different Religions”

*With which kid's views do you connect? What is your view of God?*

“Theology” (Theos-God) (Logos-words) - “Words about God”  
*What are your words about God?*

Check out these words about God:

These death penalty verses: Numbers 15:32-36; Deuteronomy 13:6-9; Exodus 22:20; Deuteronomy 21:18-21; Exodus 35:2; Leviticus 21:9

These genocide verses: Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 6:20-21

These anger verses: 2 Samuel 24:15

*How do you resolve the moral dilemmas presented by these “words about God”?*

Now check out 1 John 4:7-8. *What stands out to you about this passage? Why do you think John wrote “God IS love” instead of merely saying that “God is loving”?*

*Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and substitute the word “God” for “love” to find out who God is and how God is.*

Check out 1 John 1:5. *To whom does the author refer to get his picture of God?*

Read the following statement: **God is not like the Bible. God is like Jesus.** *What does that statement do to you?*

Read these verses and then read that statement again: John 5:39; Hebrews 1:1-3; John 6:46; John 1:18  
*Ok, what should be the basis of our formulating our view of God?*

*What would you say to the guy who said this: “I can hang with Jesus. He’s the friend I’ve always wanted. But I’m afraid of God: He wants to kick my ass!”?*

*Why do some people struggle accepting that God is like Jesus?  
How does 2 Corinthians 3:14 help explain the struggle?*

*Has your view of God changed over the years?  
Does it need to change?*