

Discussion Questions

August 9 – August 15

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1. Share your first church visit/experience that you remember (at The Bible Chapel or elsewhere).
2. This past weekend, Ron used two words that further explain the amazing truth that “*God is independent*” – God is **self-existent** and **self-sufficient**. Read more about God’s self-existence in Psalm 90:2, John 5:26 and Psalm 36:9. Read more about God’s self-sufficiency in Psalm 50:10-12, Acts 17:24-25, and Isaiah 40:28. Why is God’s independence a critical truth in His work of salvation?
3. We as human beings need others in our lives. Even the most altruistic relationships meet one or more needs in/for us; and because of sin, our most “selfless” acts are not purely selfless. Read Acts 17:24-25. What do you think about a God who doesn’t *need* us, but *desires to know us* intimately? Why should the truth of God’s independence illicit a deeper love for him and a deeper sense of adoration and worship?
4. A. W. Tozer says in his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, that many Christians live their whole lives and don’t think seriously about God. He says, “for this we are now paying a too heavy price in the secularization of our religion and decay of our inner lives.” Do you agree with Tozer? What can we do to slow down and think “big” thoughts about God?
5. God saw our condition and sent his Son to rescue us. He doesn’t want us to carry our burdens any longer – confusion, fear, dread, anger – He invites us to let them go and to lay them down – and to remember He is the self-existent, self-sufficient Father who loves us through His Son unconditionally. Share with the group anything that you might need to lay down this week and spend time “running to the Father” in prayer.