

KEVIN

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT DO YOU THINK



WATCH

Watch *Kevin* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



READ

Read Psalm 139:13-16 and Jeremiah 29:11-13 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



DISCUSS

1. What is your first reaction when you see Kevin? Have you known kids like Kevin, or others with debilitating or even terminal conditions? Do you see a connection between Kevin's situation and either the existence or non-existence of God? Is Kevin's situation merely circumstantial, simply the luck of the draw? What is the first cause? Who, if anyone, is responsible?
2. Professor Bart Ehrman's position is clear—people should throw themselves into life and enjoy the present, their work, friends and families because this is all there is. What is your reaction to this assertion? How does it apply to Kevin? Can you also “appreciate” Professor Ehrman's view of suffering? Explain!
3. What does the story of Jesus' interaction with a grieving family reveal to you about God's interaction with humankind? (John 11:1-44) If Jesus knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead, why did He weep? Why is the idea of resurrection important? Is the idea of “this one life” satisfying to you, or do you hope for something more?
4. Kevin's mum Louise says she has little time for the philosophical arguments against God's existence. She emphatically declares her belief in God and suggests the idea that there is nothing better than this life is “insulting”. Is Louise's faith misplaced? Do you see it as wishful thinking from a mum at her wit's end, or are their grounds for her faith? Defend your position.



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