

St Luke's Church GREYTOWN

Who Needs God Study Series Part 5

If you're someone who walked away from faith, are considering it, or if you've never been a believer in God, Harry's question for you is: Did you dismiss or question faith over something that happened? Something you read? Or did you decide to ditch the idea of God because it became inconvenient and then did you begin gathering data to support your unbelief?

You see, if deep down someone is open to the idea of God being real then naturally they'll seek answers, they'll seek truth. But if their departure from belief was around will, then information will never suffice because: "People almost invariably arrive at their beliefs not on the basis of proof but on the basis of what they find attractive."

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Discussion Questions:

1. Do you consider yourself a follower of Jesus? Why/why not?
2. Have you ever struggled with the concept of faith? Why?

Was it because of something you read? Something you thought of?
An inadequate answer to a complex question? Peer pressure?

Or was it something simpler?

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