



**Gilead Lake Group
Sunday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: To be determined
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**Bronson "B" Group
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Hosts: Evert and Linda Smith
896 Pleasant Hill Road, Bronson
Contact: Jim Wickey
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

October Hosts: Matt and Kendra
776 Union City Road, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

**East Gilead Day Group
Thursday 1:00 p.m.**

Host: Sara Jane Fair
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Contact: Frank Cabrera
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- I. Truth and worship come together in Jesus Christ. It is in the person of Jesus that we are shown with clarity the nature and character of God, also the truth around creation. Read [Colossians 1:1-20](#). We cannot answer the hard questions about God without looking at Jesus "...the image of invisible God." So many of the questions that the world asks with skepticism are lightly disguised accusation about God; His existence, His character, His presence in the world. *From Col. 1:1-20 have someone in the group list short statements made about Christ.*
- II. Paul writes in [1 Corinthians 10:13](#) that there is no temptation (testing) which lays a hold on you which is not common to mankind. This is a general statement about all mankind. Paul then goes on to make it more believer-specific. It's important to note the thoughts and doubts that you may experience about God are true about all of mankind. However, we know or can know most of the answers. Have you ever question the following about God:

- "Surely if there is a God he is absent or too busy for me" Read [Jeremiah 31:20; Ezekiel 34:11-16; Hebrews 13:5](#). What OT or NT verses or events from scripture would you use to address these lies about God? A countering view of God is "He is always with me and eager to be with me."
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- We'll conclude with: "Surely if there is a God he is trying to take all the fun out of life." Read [Genesis 21:6; Lamentations 3:22-23, John 10:10; Romans 12:1-2](#). Close in worship by praying with thanksgiving.



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