

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections gives you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

Intercessor

Reflection:

Isaiah 53:12; John 17:1-26; Romans 8:26,27; Romans 8:34;
Hebrews 7:25

Life Response:

Ezekiel 22:30; 1 Timothy 2:1-4



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How well do I relate?

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? - 1 John 4:20

12 Pillars of a Godly Relationships:

1) A Renewed Mind

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... Rom 12:2

2) Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think - Rom 12:3

3) Humility

think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. - Rom 12:3

Pride destroys relationships! Humility builds healthy relationship!

5) Love

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. - Rom 12:9

6) Honor

Outdo one another in showing honor. - Rom 12:9

7) Joy and Patience

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, - Rom 12:12a

8) Prayer

be constant in prayer. - Rom 12:12b

9) Sharing

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. - Rom 12:13

10) Blessing

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. - Rom 12:14

11) Understanding and Trust

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. - Rom 12:15

12) Harmony

Live in harmony with one another. - Rom 12:16

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Discussion Questions:

- 1) As we begin to share about relationships; think of one relationship that has deeply impacted your life. Share about it with the group. What about this relationship impacted you the most?
- 2) Thinking of the nature of God as relational, how does an understanding of the Trinity reinforce this nature?
- 3) Pastor Daniel talked about how God doesn't need a relationship with us and yet He desires one. How does that make you feel? Why?
- 4) Read Matthew 22:37 - Two commandments are given here by Jesus. Can you live your life in isolation and fulfill both of these commands? Why or Why not?
- 5) Looking at the 12 pillars of a Godly relationship which comes most naturally to you? Why?
- 6) Which of the 12 do you struggle with the most? Why? (Write down the answers of those in your group as prayer points)
- 7) What is one thing that God has spoken to you through this message? How will you respond

Prayer: Take sometime to pray around the circle for the person to your right. Pray for where they struggle in relating. Pray that God would strengthen their relationships in the church. Pray for Gracepoint that we would be a church that maintains the unity The Spirit has given to us?

Homework: Think of a relationship you have in the church where there is hurt or a relationship that needs to be strengthened. Reach out to that individual this week through a call or a note. (not a text)