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

<u>Lord</u>

Philippians 2:6-11; Rev. 19:11-16
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Life Response:
Psalm 95:6-9; Psalm 100:1-5



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"Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" -Acts 1:6

The Lord shall reign forever and ever. -Ex. 15:18

As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. -Lk. 19:11

We are always looking for a <u>physical</u> answer to the condition of the world around us.

We don't need a change of <u>circumstances</u>; what we really need is a change of <u>heart</u>.

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. -Acts 1:7

The secret of guidance in the Lord's will and power: Do what he reveals to you.

It is not our responsibility to know <u>times</u> or <u>seasons</u>... God is always on time; He's always in time; he is never late!

The power of the Holy Spirit will be entrusted to those who can accept his <u>authority over timing</u>.

"We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God can do and that God will not do what we can do." - Oswald Chambers

The Greek word for witness is mar-too-reh'-o; it's where we get the word martyr.

We are called to be <u>conduits</u> of the Holy Spirit, not <u>containers</u>.

A flowing river will always <u>purify</u> itself.

Jesus says, "you will be MY witnesses."

The Great Commission in John's Gospel: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." -Jn. 20:21

lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, -Heb. 12:1

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. -Acts 1:9

Clouds signify the glory of God.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. Read Acts 1:6-8. Why were the disciples expecting a physical kingdom?
- 2. Why should they have known better?
- 3. When will we know the time of Jesus' return?
- 4. Read the Great Commission in the following passages Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, John 20:21 & Acts 1:8 What is unique about the Acts version?
- 5. Why do we need power? How do we receive it?
- 6. Read the quote by Oswald Chambers. What does this mean, and why is it important to know?
- 7. How is Jesus calling you to be His witness?

Close in Prayer: Pray around the circle for the person to your left that God would empower them by the Holy Spirit to be His witness to a lost and dying world.