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.

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Reflection: Psalm 23:4; Psalm 71:19-21; Psalm; 94:17-19; Psalm 119:50,52,76; Isaiah 12:1,2, 66:12,13
Life Response: Isaiah 40:1; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7



A Discipleship Journey Knowing God - Know God can be Known

"The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God. Disregard the study of God, and you sentence yourself to stumble and blunder through life blindfold, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul." - J.I. Packer

The Shema - Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

The name of God seen in Exodus 3 EH YEH means ______. YAH WEH is the ancient Hebrew form of the verb ______. The personal name of God appears over ______ times in the OT. Can we see God? To Moses "No one can see me and live." (Exodus 33:20) Yet Jesus says "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matt 5:8) God is seen by the eyes of ______.

Can we question God? Job 31:35-37 ESV

There is great difference between understanding all God's and and knowing God.
Acts 17:22-31
Key questions to ask:
What is my aim in occupying my mind with theology?
What do I intend to do with my knowledge about God once I have it?
Pursue God with this warning: 1 Corinthians 8:1-3
There is no spiritual health without knowledge!
There can be no spiritual health if that knowledge is pursued
The clearest revelation of God is Jesus.
John 14:6-9; 1 John 5:20; Phil. 3:8-9
Knowing God is not dependent on a high IQ
"The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7
Romans 11:33; Phil. 3:10-12
Mark 12:28-34 - What is the greatest commandment?
Resources: I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist by Norman Geisler Knowing God by J.I. Packer

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Community Group Discussion Questions

As you gather back together with your group start by taking just a moment to look back at last week's teaching. Regarding the arguments for the existence of God, which one stood out to you the most? Why?

- 1. Have someone in your group read the quote by J.I. Packer out loud. Do you agree with this statement? Have you experienced this reality in your life?
- 2. What is the difference between the terms atheist and agnostic?
- 3. How did you first come to the revelation that you could know God?
- 4. What does the name YAH WEH tell you about who God is?
- 5. Is it OK to question God? Can questioning ever get in the way of knowing God?
- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3, what does Paul mean when he writes "knowledge" puffs up?
- 7. Read Mark 12:28-34 What is the greatest command? Where does Jesus take this from? Why do you think he goes back there?
- 8. As you grow in knowledge about God this year... What do you intend to do with that knowledge?