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.

God's Anger

Reflection:
Exodus 32:1-4; Numbers 11:1-3; 12:1-16, Psalm 145:8; John 2:13-17
Life Response:
Ephesians 4:26,27; James 1:19-21



A Discipleship Journey - Knowing God Know that God Exists

"We are at this moment as close to God as we really choose to be. True, there are times when we would like to know a deeper intimacy, but when it comes to the point, we are not prepared to pay the price involved." - J. Oswald Sanders
"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." Hebrews 11:6
The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1
Romans 1:18-23
Mankind is not ignorant of the truth that God exists, but rather that truth.
Arguments for the existence of God.
The Cosmological Argument - argument from
1. The universe is contingent
2. Anything that is contingent must have been caused by something else
3. Therefore, the universe was caused by something else, and this cause was

The Teleological Argument - argument from
"we are fearfully and wonderfully made" - Ps 139:14
Psalm 19:1-4, Isaiah 40:26
1. Design implies a designer
2. There is great design in the universe
3. Therefore, there must be a
"There simply cannot be design without a designer. There simply cannot be contrivance without a contriver. There simply cannot be order without deliberate choice."- William Daley
The Argument from Moral Law
"This points to a connection with a supreme moral being who is responsible for stamping that moral code on the life of all people." - C.S. Lewis
1. If God does not exist, objective morals do not exist
2. Objective moral values do exist
3. Therefore
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<u>I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist</u> by Norman Geisler

Resources:

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Community Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Read Romans 1:18-23 Based on this scripture do all men know that God exists?
- 2) What is the difference between being ignorant of truth and suppressing truth?
- 3) In what ways do you see our society suppressing truth about God?
- 4) Looking at the Cosmological argument what is the difference between a contingent and non-contingent thing?
- 5) When you hear the statement "Design implies a designer" what comes to mind for you? Why?
- 6) When you think of design in the human body or the universe what amazes you the most?
- 7) What does the argument for moral law say about the character of God? Why?
- 8) One of the most powerful evidences of the existence of God is a changed life. In what ways has God changed your life? What changes do you expect in the future as you follow Him?