

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 Compassion

Reflection:

Psalm 103:13; Psalm 116:5; Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 15:29-38; James 5:11

Life Response:

Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8,9



A Discipleship Journey – Knowing God **Knowing God in Relationship**

“The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do but the relationship we maintain and the atmosphere produced by that relationship. That is all God asks us to look after, and it is the one thing that is continually being assailed.” - Oswald Chambers

“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”

- David in Psalm 27:4

Keys to Experiencing God in your Life:

- 1) **Seek God** Jer. 29:13
- 2) **Love God** Deut.6:4-5
- 3) **Pray to God** Jn. 15:7-8
- 4) **Wait on God** Ps. 37:7, Jn 10:27
- 5) **Obey God** Jn. 14:23
- 6) **Trust God** Prov. 3:5-6
- 7) **Fear God** Prov. 9:10

Hindrances to Knowing God:

- 1) Distortion
- 2) Apathy
- 3) Independence
- 4) Sin
- 5) Busyness
- 6) Pride
- 7) Idolatry

“But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first!” – Revelation 2:4

Paul’s prayer for the believers in Ephesus - Ephesians 1:16-23

Resources:

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

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Community Group Discussion Questions

1. Are you familiar with the phrase “Christianity is not a religion, it’s a relationship”? Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
2. In what ways does your life reflect a relationship with God?
3. Looking at the keys to experiencing God in your life, which comes most naturally for you and which do you struggle with? Why?
4. One of the greatest ways you can know and experience God is by walking in daily obedience to Him. Why is this the case?
5. Which of the hindrances listed has stood in the way of you knowing God? How can you change that?
6. Read the following out loud *“The greatest competitor of devotion to Jesus is service for Him. The one aim of the call of God is the satisfaction of God, not a call to do something for Him.”*

- Oswald Chambers

What is “the satisfaction of God”? Do you know this satisfaction? What can you do to deepen it?