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.

God's Forgiveness

Reflection:
Psalm 103:2-5; Matthew 6:9-15; John 8:1-11; Ephesians 1:7,8;
1 John 1:9
Life Response:
Matthew 18:21-35; Colossians 3:13



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Saved by Grace

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16 NIV

Jesus died for my sin because he loves me.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" - Matthew 7:21-23 NIV

Jesus said we are to <u>repent</u> and <u>believe</u>.

Jesus is our Passover lamb.

Grace can be

Missed

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many." - Hebrews 12:15 NLT

Ignored

"As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it." - 2 Corinthians 6:1 NLT

Put Out

"Do not quench [subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit." - 1 Thessalonians 5:19 AMP

Turned Away From/Rejected

"I don't turn my back on God's undeserved kindness. If we can be acceptable to God by obeying the Law, it was useless for Christ to die." - Galatians 2:21 CEV

Three conditions of people

- 1) Unsaved person (natural person)
- 2) The spiritual person (born again)
- 3) Carnal Christian

"This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For,

There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time." 1 Timothy 2:3-6 NLT

"For Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

- Romans 10:13 NLT

Community Group Discussion Questions

- 1) What is a Biblical worldview?
- 2) Why do you think there are so few people with a Biblical worldview?
- 3) Someone read, Matthew 7:21-23, what is God wanting from us? (Honesty, intimacy, obedience...)
- 4) We are saved by grace, what does this mean? (Someone read Ephesians 2:8-9).
- 5) What are we saved from?
- 6) During Passover the Jewish people used the blood of a lamb without defect, how does this connect to Jesus who died on the cross for our sin?
- 7) Someone read, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, based on the Bible certain sinful practices will keep a person from going to Heaven.
- 8) There is a difference between a person who struggles (confess sin as sin and a person who chooses this lifestyle playing games with God and his Word).
- 9) Is there anything too hard for God to deliver us from?
- 10) Someone read Ephesians 5:18, 2 Peter 1:1-4. Our flesh (sinful nature) never changes even when we become a Christian what role does the Holy Spirit and the Bible have in us to live a victorious Christian life?
- 11) How has God's grace (God giving us what we don't deserve) impacted your relationship with him?