

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Sermon: What We Believe: God

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Primary Text: Deuteronomy 6:4-9
John 1:1-5



SUMMARY

Big Idea: There is Only One God and He is Triune

The most important thing we can ever think about is God. Our view of God shapes our view of everything else. Our knowledge must be shaped according to the way he has revealed himself generally in creation and specifically through His Word. There is one God expressed in three persons (God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit). God's character, His essence, drives the work he does. Some of God's attributes are his alone (Incommunicable) and we can never share in them while other attributes are sharable to us (Communicable), and we can through spiritual formation become creatures who express attributes of God to this world. We are not God but can reflect his glory. God has most visibly revealed himself in the son, Jesus Christ who came as a savior to a world of sinners and accomplished the redemptive plan of God. Having a correct view of God is so important in the world today because evil is real, and there are multiple distorted unhelpful views about who God is and what his requirements are.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro

- AW Tozer - "What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."
- Would you agree or disagree with that quote? Why or Why not?

There is Only One God and He is Triune

1. How is God's One-ness and Three-ness communicated to us through the Scriptures?
 - a. Do any specific passages come to mind?
2. How does this teaching make Christianity unique and distinct from other man-made religions?
3. Have you ever engaged someone in conversation who had different views of God?
 - a. What happened, how did it go?
 - b. Looking back, is there something you would have done or said differently?
4. From the sermon, "We will spend eternity growing in our knowledge of God. Today, your view of God is too small."
 - a. How is your view of God too small today? In what ways? What would it look like to enlarge your view?
 - b. Do you wrestle more with caring about what God does in your life than who God is?

Attributes

Consider God's attributes listed on page 2 and discuss the questions listed below each group

God's Attributes

Incommunicable Attributes (Only God)

- Infinite - God is not limited to any of the limitations of humanity or creation
- Incomprehensible - God is not able to be fully understood (exhaustively)
- Self-existent - God's independence, the origin of all things
- Self-Sufficient - God, in and of Himself, lacks nothing and needs nothing
- Eternal - God is without beginning or end
- Immutable - God is unchangeable, He has not and will not change
- Omnipresent - God is fully present in all spaces, places, and times
- Omniscient - God is all-knowing, past, present and future
- Sovereign - God rules over all, and exercises His power over all creation
- Transcendent - God exists beyond and above space and time

Questions

Where do you try to take God's place by grasping to fulfill attributes that only He has?
What results from that pursuit?

Communicable Attributes (God + we can be)

- Holy, Loving, Just, Good, Merciful, Gracious, Long-suffering, Wise, Jealous (for His glory), Wrathful, Faithful, Righteous, Truthful

Questions

In the last 1-2 years, where have you seen growth in your own life?
Where have you seen growth in the lives of others in your group?
In what area do you sense God working to grow you now?