



Discussion Questions:

When did you first learn about God?

What did you first learn about God?

How did you first learn about God?

How has your understanding of God changed over time?

Review: The Bible

We believe that the Bible, as originally given (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments), is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. The translations we have are trustworthy and preserved to the degree that they reflect the originals. The Bible is the final authority for the Christian and the foundation of the teaching and preaching ministry of HCC.

God reveals Himself in two ways:

_____ revelation: Basic truths that can be known about God through Creation

_____ revelation: Specific truths that can be known about God through supernatural means

A.W. Tozer: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

Article Two: God

We believe that there is one God and only one, who is self-existent, eternal and infinite in every excellence, and has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the same in essence, though distinct in personality.

God is _____

The Trinity is present at creation (Genesis 1, John 1)

All three persons of the Trinity are present or prophesied about in the OT

The Trinity is present in Jesus' birth narrative (Luke 1)

The Trinity is present at Jesus' baptism (Matt. 3:16-17)

The Trinity is present in Jesus' teaching (Luke 4:18-19)

The Trinity is present in Jesus' actions (i.e. Matt. 12:28)

The Trinity is present at the end of Jesus' life (John 13-17)

The Trinity is present in Jesus' instructions to His disciples (Matt. 28:19-20)

The Trinity is understood at the beginning of the church (Acts 2)

The Trinity was taught in the early church (1 Peter 1, etc.)

God has _____

God has communicable (transferable) and incommunicable (non-transferable) attributes:

Eternality

Mercy

Goodness

Omnipotence

Grace

Omnipresence

Holiness

Omniscience

Immanence

Righteousness

Immutability

Self-Existence

Justice

Sovereignty

Love

Transcendence

God does _____

All of God's attributes accomplish one overarching goal: God's glory

As more of humanity knows God and loves God, God receives the glory, honor and praise that He deserves.

We see God → We know God → We glorify God →

Others see us → Others know God → Others glorify God

Takeaway: _____