

Week 6 | God

Why should I trust in God?

As we close out our time looking at who God is, let's do so by answering the question... "Why should I trust in God?" In helping answer the that question, let's look at a quote.

A.W. Tozer quote from "The Knowledge of the Holy"...

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God."

Our understanding of God and what we truly believe about God, in our heart of hearts, will determine how we live our lives and who or what we will truly worship. And so it's of the utmost importance that we know who God really is. We need to dive into the character or the attributes of God.

Why should you trust in God? Because of w_____ God is. Because of w_____ I am. I am I AM's!

In the last session, we saw that God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal and immutable. God is also a God of love, justice, goodness, mercy and truth.

Because God is loving, we can _____ in the fact that He will work all things out for our _____.

Because God is just, we can choose to _____ and let God settle the _____ with those who have hurt us.

Because God is good, we can _____ why God is _____ what God is allowing in our lives.

Because God is merciful, we can bring our _____ struggles to Him, because His mercies are new every morning (according to the book of Lamentations).

Because God is a God of truth, we can and should trust and _____ what the _____ says.

Until we get to heaven, we will never fully grasp all of the riches of the character of who God is.



Whole Group Discussion

God is a God of love, justice, goodness, mercy and truth. Which of these attributes do you need to be most reminded of today? How come?

Read Lamentations 3:22-23. What does the Biblical author say is “new every morning”? What do you think that means?

I want to conclude our focus on God by touching on two categories of the character of God. They are His i_____ attributes and His c_____ attributes.

His incommunicable attributes are those that God does _____ with others, that He alone possesses. The communicable attributes are those that God _____ with us, that we can on some level possess.

Omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, eternity and immutability, would be some of His incommunicable attributes.

No human being is all-powerful or all-knowing or everywhere present, or eternal (having no beginning or end), and no human is immutable, unchanging in their character. These qualities are what make God... God.

Love, justice, goodness, mercy, and truth, are those qualities that we can possess to some degree as Christ-followers.

Let's get back to our original question... "Why should I trust in God?". When you look at His incommunicable attributes, who else would we trust in?

No one else is _____ of such total and complete trust. God is omnipotent (all-powerful) and so we don't have to try to _____ what's out of our control.

God is omniscient (all-knowing) and so we don't have to _____ about what we don't understand.

God is omnipresent (everywhere present) so we don't have to be afraid of where we're at.

God is eternal and immutable (unchanging) so we don't have to guess if He will be there for us and how He will treat us.

Are you seeing what A.W. Tozer meant when he said "*What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us*"? He is so b_____ us yet so very n_____ to us.

Why should I trust in God? Because... When we stop and look at His communicable attributes, we are reminded of how much He truly _____ for us.

God is full of love and so we can trust He will do what's b_____ for us.

God is full of justice and so we can trust that He will r_____ every wrong.

He is full of goodness and mercy and so we can trust that He will never _____ on us.

God is truth and so we can trust that everything God says and does is _____.

We should have a healthy _____ of the Lord for His many incommunicable attributes and we should have a fully devoted _____ for God for His many communicable attributes.

Quote by C.S. Lewis from “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe...”

“Then he isn’t safe?” said Lucy. “Safe?” said Mr. Beaver. “Don’t you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Of course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the king, I tell you!”

God is not a t_____ God that we can put in a box. There are m_____ about Him that we will not fully grasp until we see Him face to face.

But God is a good and gracious and loving God. One who deserves our r_____ and a_____, but One we can also run to for protection and provision.

The most important thing about you is what you think about when you think about God. So what do you think about, when you think about God?



Small Group Discussion

Go back and reread the quote by A.W. Tozer. How have you seen what he said to be true in your life?

Because of God's incommunicable attributes, we don't have to try to be in CONTROL or WORRY or be AFRAID or GUESS if God is there for us. Which of these are the hardest to remember in your life? Why?

Which brings the most comfort to you, God's incommunicable qualities or His communicable qualities? Why is that?



Prayer Focus

Close by reading Matthew 6:25-34 and spending time thanking God the Father for His provisions in our lives.