

SESSION THREE

WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT GOD?

The Bible tells us what is true about
God's nature.



KEY PASSAGE

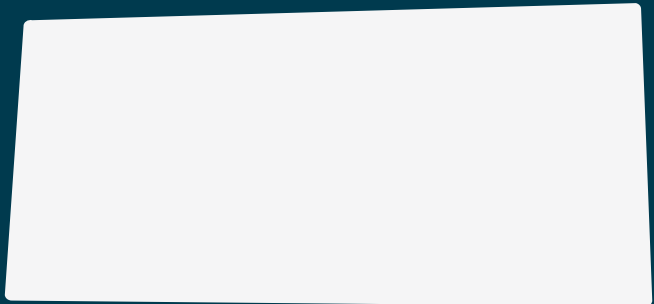
Isaiah 46:3-13

KEY VERSE

Psalms 18:30

CAN YOU PICTURE IT?

Draw the face of a famous person and see if a friend
can guess who you drew.



What about God? We have not seen the face of
God, but God has revealed who He is to us. He has
given us His Word so that we may know Him and
find truth in Him.

SHARPEN & STRENGTHEN

God has made Himself known to us through His Son, Jesus, and His Word. God is the one true God who has eternally existed as three Persons of the Trinity. God's attributes tell us what God is like, and we can trust all that God says because He is true. Our God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and is not restricted by any physical boundaries. We can turn to Him for guidance and help, because He knows everything and will always direct us to truth. How can you live differently knowing the truth about who God is this week?

Who is God?

- Read Isaiah 46:9.
- Who is like God? How would you respond to a friend if he asked you this question?

What is God like?

- Write down the following attributes (characteristics) of God as your leader reads them to you.

God is:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Does God really know everything?

- Define the word below:

Omniscience: God's complete _____ of _____ and _____—all past, present and future events, both actual and possible.

FIRE IT UP!

AWESOME ATTRIBUTES

Bible verse:	Attribute:
1. 1 John 3:20	_____
2. Isaiah 6:3	_____
3. Psalm 119:68	_____
4. Deuteronomy 32:4	_____
5. Revelation 1:8	_____
6. 1 John 4:8	_____
7. 2 Corinthians 1:3	_____
8. Romans 2:4	_____
9. Romans 16:27	_____
10. John 17:3	_____

Attribute of God

A quality or feature describing the character of God (Colossians 1:17)



This not a complete list, but it is a starting point to learn about what God says He is like. After all, God is infinite, and growing to know Him more and more will be something we can enjoy for eternity! Still, God has revealed Himself to us as a personal God who desires for us to be in relationship with Him. Through Jesus, the image of the invisible God, we have access to knowing God and finding Him to be our all-knowing source of truth.

The Bible tells me what is true about God.



A SUPERIOR SAVIOR

My group's superhero is: _____

His/her superpowers are:

How does this superhero fail compared to God?

How is Jesus the superior Savior?



Omnipotence

God's unlimited power and authority (Job 42:2)

THEOLOGY ON MISSION

Imagine that you have been tasked by the International Mission Board to teach an indigenous people group about who God is. It is your goal to communicate the attributes you have learned about God to this people group. You can use drawings, a skit, hand motions, or even songs to help this people group understand the God of the Bible. Use the space below to plan out how you will communicate the truth about God.

Doctrine

what the whole Bible teaches us today about a particular topic (2 Timothy 4:2-4)



DAILY DISCIPLESHIP

Here are a few tips as you read God's Word and use the following journal pages to write down what you learn:

- What does the text say? Write down exact truths from the Bible.
- Let Scripture interpret Scripture. What do these verses mean? Be careful to not insert your own meaning into the text. Think about the message the original readers or hearers would have understood.
- How can you apply the truths of God's Word to your life? How should these truths change the way you think and live?

DAY ONE

God is the eternal Creator.

- Read Isaiah 46:3-4; Isaiah 45:18; Genesis 14:22; and Romans 1:20.

Have you ever wondered who made God? If so, the answer is: no one! God is eternal. He is everlasting and He is unchanging. There is no other god like Him. Only He holds the power to create, sustain, and rescue. Yet, lowly as we are, He has revealed Himself to us! We have the joy and privilege to know the living God. God's attributes reveal His divine nature and power so that we can see Him and know His character.

- What does God reveal about Himself in Scripture?

- What does God reveal about Himself through creation?

Sovereignty

God's power and control over His creation
(1 Timothy 6:15)



DAY TWO

There is no one like the all-powerful God.

- Read Isaiah 46:5-7; Isaiah 45:5-7; Romans 11:33-34; and Psalm 147:5.

Many things in the world will try to compete for the place of God. Perhaps there are even idols within your own life which threaten to steal your affections away from the Lord. We were all created to worship, but the question is, *Who* were we made to worship? If you answered God, you are right! Only God is worthy of our worship because only He is the one true God. No worthless idol could ever compare to an all-powerful, all-knowing God who loves us!

- Are there any idols in your life that might be competing for God's rightful place? Remember that idols are not just brazen statues, but anything we put above or in place of God, like pride (self-worship), praise from others, lust for popularity, being an ideal student, and so forth.

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- How does knowing God help you to recognize and turn away from these idols?
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Theology

the study of God
and the pursuit of
knowing God



DAY THREE

God calls us to remember who He is and what He has done.

- Read Isaiah 46:8-9; Deuteronomy 5:15; and Psalm 105:5.

Sometimes we can be very forgetful. Even remembering what our parents just reminded us to do can be hard sometimes. As we are easily distracted or busy with life, we can also begin to forget the God of the Bible. We prioritize other things over Him or we fail to stay committed to reading His Word. God knows that we can easily forget that He has done great things for us. There is nothing in our lives that compares to God. We must make it a daily practice to spend time with God and His Word so that our hearts can recall the truths about Him. When we remember

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who God is and what He has done, we are reminded to trust in Him for all things.

- Are there any ways you are easily distracted from remembering the truth of who God is and what He has done?

- What are some ways you can keep track of God's work in your own life and remind yourself to seek Him for all things?

DAY FOUR

God is sovereign.

- Read Isaiah 46:10-11; Matthew 19:26; Psalm 119:68; Numbers 23:19; and Ezekiel 12:28.

Sovereign isn't a word we use in our everyday vocabulary. If we lived long ago or in a country with a king or queen, sovereign might be more relevant to us. Essentially, sovereign means "supreme ruler with absolute power." There is no limit to what God can do, and whatever He says He will do, He does. Because God is truth and He is good, all that He does is also true and good. Therefore, we can trust that God rules the world rightly. Additionally, God keeps His promises. His sovereign reign includes the truth that what He has promised will actually be done. He does not leave us with empty promises, but acts sovereignly to fulfill the truth of His Word.

- What do these verses teach about the sovereignty of God?

- How does knowing that God is true and good help you to trust His sovereign rule in your life?
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DAY FIVE

God is Savior.

- Read Isaiah 46:12-13; Psalm 25:5; Ephesians 1:13; and Revelation 19:1-2.

Have you ever walked around a pitch black room? With no light, you can't see where you are going, and it's easy to trip or run into something. Just finding the light switch can be a challenge. No one wants to wander around in darkness. The Bible teaches us that apart from God, we are in spiritual darkness. Thankfully, God brought the light of His truth to us when He revealed Himself through His Word and His Son, Jesus. Jesus guides us to the truth and helps us to know the God who saves. The true message of the gospel—Jesus' life and teachings—has been given to us that we might be saved. All of God's truth points to Jesus, and by believing in Jesus, we find truth and salvation.

- Have you trusted in the truth of the gospel?
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- How has the gospel brought the light of God's truth in to your life? How has this changed the way you live?
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For I am God, and
there is no other;
I am God and no
one is like me.

Isaiah 46:9