

STUDY GUIDE: “Who Is This God?”

Discussion Starters

1. What is the most important characteristic of God to you?
2. What is the hardest characteristic of God for you to understand?

Study

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

--“God Almighty” (Genesis 1:1)—

--“love” (Deuteronomy 7:13)—

--“gracious” (2 Kings 13:23)—

--“known” (Psalm 139:1)—

--“Sheol” (Psalm 139:8)—

--“condemns” (1 John 3:20)—

--“mercy” (Jeremiah 31:20)—

--“terrifying” (Hebrews 10:31)—

4. Using a concordance and/or a Topical Bible, find as many words to describe God as you can.

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5. Is the God described in the Old Testament different from the God described in the New Testament? Please explain why/why not?

6. If you answered “yes” above, explain how this can be if God is unchangeable. If you answered ‘no’, why do you think so many people believe the OT God is different from the NT God.

Taking It Home

7. On a scale of 1-10 (low to high), how would you describe your knowledge of God?

8. Is it important for you to know about God? Why/why not?

9. What part of God’s character do you believe the church needs to teach more consistently?

10. Is there part of God’s character you believe the church teaches too much? Please explain.