

Discipleship #1

Accountability

Since we last met...

1. Have you involved yourself in any activity which is disobedient to God?
2. Have you faithfully maintained your personal walk with God?
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Solo Time With God

From your personal time with God...

1. What is one new idea that you have learned?
2. What is one area of your life where God has been growing you?

Topical Study: God

1. What does Scripture assume about God? Genesis 1:1 ff
2. Is it possible to know God? To comprehend God? Job 11:7-12; 36:26; Isaiah 40:19
3. What does it mean that God is one? Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Acts 5:3,4; 1 Peter 1:2

God exists as three persons (referred to as the Trinity) - yet God is one. The three persons of the Trinity are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one in who God is (His essence) and in how God acts (His nature).

The human mind cannot fully comprehend God, especially His revelation of Himself as the Trinity. Yet we see unity with diversity in all parts of God's creation, all of which to a limited degree illustrate God's marvelous nature: one God in three persons.

The attributes of God reveal who He is and how He acts. Some of these attributes (called incommunicable attributes) are impossible for us to understand. Some of God's attributes (called communicable attributes) have a relationship with things we experience. All of God's attributes can be a great encouragement to us as we live. Consider the partial list of God's attributes (back side of this page) and what each may mean for your own life.

- Faithfulness - God is true to His word - Deuteronomy 7:9; 2 Timothy 2:13
 - Grace - God's goodness toward those who deserve only punishment - Ephesians 2:8,9
 - Goodness - God is the final standard of what is good; all that God is and does is worthy of approval - Psalm 145:9,15; Acts 14:17
 - Holiness - According to His moral excellence God is separate from everything else - Exodus 15:11; 1 Peter 1:14-16
 - Immutability - God never changes - Psalm 102:26,27; Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 1:12
 - Justice - God acts according to His holiness in relationship to Himself and creation - Acts 17:31; James 4:12; Revelation 16:5
 - Love - God has committed Himself to the ultimate good of His creation - John 3:16; 1 John 4:8,16
 - Infinity - God is free from all limitations - Psalm 90:2
 - Mercy - God's goodness towards those in misery, distress, and the pitiable condition of sin - Deuteronomy 13:17; Psalm 57:10; Romans 9:14-18; 11:30-32; 1 Peter 1:3
 - Omnipotence - God is all powerful - Revelation 1:8; 4:8
 - Omniscience - God is all knowing. He knows everything - Isaiah 40:13,14; Hebrews 4:13
 - Patience - God, for a period of time, withholds punishment towards those who sin - Romans 2:4; 1 Peter 3:20
 - Sovereignty - God upholds all things by His power and determines their just end - Genesis 14:19; Deuteronomy 10:14,17; Acts 17:24-26; Ephesians 1:11
 - Truth - God is the reliable source of all truth - Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18
 - Wisdom - God is complete in His knowledge and in the perfect application of that knowledge to achieving His will - 1 Samuel 2:3; Proverbs 8; Ephesians 1:11,12; Colossians 1:16
 - Unity - God is uniquely one as the only true God - 1 Kings 8:60; 1 Corinthians 8:6
4. What did Jesus pray for His disciples (us)? John 17:20-23
 5. What does Jesus' prayer teach us about God's desire for relationship with us?
 6. What does Jesus' prayer teach us about our relationships with other people?