

Christian Beliefs Week 3: Questions
Ch 2: What is God Like?

- **God Exists.** *Do you remember when you first sensed God's existence? When is your sense of God's existence strongest?*

What are some things that are important to understand about God?

Do most people today believe in the existence of God?

- **God is knowable.**

How does the fact that God is incomprehensible yet knowable help us to make heaven more exciting?

- **There are incommunicable and communicable attributes:**

- **God is independent.**

- **God is unchangeable. This is also called God's immutability.**

How is God unchangeable?

What parts of the Bible seem to contradict His unchangeableness?

How do we reconcile the apparent contradiction?

What would happen if God could change?

- **God is eternal and infinite.**

- **God is Omnipresent.**
- **God is Spirit.**
- **God is Invisible.**
- **God is Omniscient (Knowledge).**
How does this bring hope and security to us?
- **God is Wise.**
Why do you think this is a crucial character of God for people to understand and believe in?

What if they don't?

- **God is Truthful (and faithful).**
- **God is Good.**
When is it hard to embrace that God is good?
- **God is Love.**
How does our life look when we believe God loves us?

How does it look if we question His love?

- **God is Holy.**
- **God is righteous and just.**
- **God is Jealous.**

Why is it not wrong for God to seek His own honor?

- **God is wrathful against sin.**

What is the danger of ignoring this character trait of God?

How can it motivate us to share Jesus with others?

Why do followers of Jesus not need to fear God's wrath on the day of judgment?

- **God wills what He wills.**
- **God has Freedom.**
- **God is Omnipotent.**
- **God is Perfect.**
- **God is Blessed.**
- **God is Beautiful.**
- **God is Peace (or order).**
- **God is a Unity.** *Why would it be harmful to only focus on this attribute?*
- **In light of all this, shouldn't we give God glory?**

Let's declare who God is.....

Father, You are the Almighty God.
You are the Creator of all things.
You are a consuming fire.
You are the beginning and end.
You are in control of all things.
You are the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.
You are the mighty Lion of Judah.
You are Prince of Peace.
You sit on the throne.
You are the keeper of our souls.
You are the Name above every other name.
You are all knowing.
You are unchanging.
You are eternal.
You are Abba Father.
You are the Bread of Life.
You are our Redeemer.
You are the Living God.
You are our blessed Hope.
You are our Morning Star.
You are the Alpha and the Omega.

Let's declare who God is to us.

Father, you are my everything.
You are my good Shepherd.
You are my God who never leaves my side.
You are my closest friend and the keeper of my soul.
You are my greatest companion.
You have walked with me through the valley.
You have lifted me up and given me a place to stand.
You have given me a new heart.
You have given me a new song to sing.
You have given me hope when I had none.
You drew me out from the darkness and into your Light.
You have been my faithful friend.
You are my safe place to rest.
You are my refuge from a world filled with chaos.
You are my dwelling place.
You are my unchanging foundation.
You are my protector.
You are my shield and my high tower.
You are my Savior and my Lord.
You are my God.
You are my King.
You are my Father.
You are mine and I am yours.
I love you.
Amen.

Discuss:

- Name one attribute of God that you would like to imitate more fully in your daily life and tell why.
- What might some of the dangers be in considering one of God's attributes more important than others?
- With regard to the circumstances of your life, will God ever make a mistake, fail to plan ahead, or fail to take into account all the eventualities that occur? How is the answer to this question a blessing in your life?
- What might you do to reflect God's peace more fully?
- Is your relationship with God a personal one? How can you get to know Him better?