

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERIES: GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

Date: 7/10/2022 – “God's Attributes: The Greatness of God” (Psalm 145:1-6)

1. In v. 1, why is it important to remember God is king as we extol Him? What about God's "majesty" in v. 5 and where do you see examples of it in creation? How should that affect how you speak about God?
2. In v. 2-3, if God's "name" includes the greatness of His nature and character, how can you praise Him for these attributes?
 - ASEITY – self-existent, self-sufficient, and independent (God doesn't need you or me)
 - SIMPLICITY – simple in the sense of pure unity as Trinity, God is not made up of parts
 - SPIRITUALITY – as kids catechism says ‘God is a spirit and has not a body like men’
 - IMPASSIBILITY – confessions say ‘without passions,’ not emotional like humans are
 - IMMUTABILITY & ETERNALITY– God doesn't change and has no beginning or end
 - INCOMPREHENSIBILITY – can't fully fathom, unsearchable (Romans 11:33-34)
3. In v. 4, and v. 7 one generation is to tell another of God's great work and power? What are some ways you can apply within our church body? How can you pursue this with both older and younger people? See also Psalm 71, 78, Titus 2, etc.
4. What are some practical ways you can increase your meditation on God's character this week? Consider the acrostic (A-Z) and commit to some way of recording or rehearsing who He is, and adding to it (could do the same with names of God).
5. Psalm 145: 6 says "I will declare...", how and when will you seek to declare His greatness and good news? How can psalms like this point us to the gospel?
6. Who are some unbelievers you can be praying for, and pursuing to share the gospel with this summer? Who are some believers you can tell this week, even today, of great things God has done in your life?

An Acrostic of God's Greatness (or the A-Z of God's Character)

- A - almighty, aseity (self-existent, independent), awesome
- B - beautiful, bountiful, benevolent
- C - compassionate, caring, Comforter
- D - deliverer, defender
- E - eternal
- F - faithful
- G - great, good, gracious
- H - holy, helper, healer
- I - infinite, impartial, immovable, I Am
- J - just, judge
- K - kind, King, keeper (Ps 121:5)
- L - love, longsuffering, light, life
- M - mighty, merciful, majestic
- N - near, never-failing
- O - omniscient (all-knowing)
- P - present, powerful, preeminent, patient, providence, protection
- Q - quickening (Eph 2:5 KJV), quick-to-help (Ps 70:1 NIV)
- R - righteous, rock, refuge, Redeemer
- S - sovereign, Spirit, simplicity, supremacy, shade, shield, stronghold
- T - true, transcendent, treasure, trinity
- U - unchanging, upright
- V - victorious, very present help (Ps 46:1)
- W - wise, wonderful, worthy
- X - Xristos (X is Greek initial for Christ, or for English "x" sound: exalted, excellent, etc.)
- Y - Yahweh
- Z - zealous