

GOD IS PERSONABLE

Discipleship Guide #13/14

TODAY'S GOAL

- To help your student(s) grow in their belief of how intimate, personal, and relational God is and see God as such in their daily life.

OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

DISCUSS THE ESSENTIAL OF A RIGHT MOTIVATION

- Now that you've been discipling your student(s) for a while begin this portion of your time by highlighting the areas of spiritual growth that you've seen in them. Discuss the following questions to hear how they feel they've grown:
 - **How has your experience of God changed since we started discipleship?**
 - **In what ways have you come to know God better?**
 - **How would you describe your view/thoughts of God before we started this journey together verses now?**

SEE WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT HIMSELF

- Start by sharing the following with your student(s) in your own words: *I love hearing about how God is working in you! It's proof that God is active and personal, which is what our lesson is all about today. Let's talk about one of the attributes (characteristics) of God-to be personable, to be intimately involved in every area of your life, and to be known by you because He loves you and cares about you.*
- Discuss: **Think about your friendships...how did you build those?**
 - Example answers: By hanging out, joking around, sports, church, sharing parts of life together.
- Explain to your student(s) that God isn't a person, so we relate to Him differently. Then discuss the following question: **How do we go about getting to know and build a relationship with God?** After hearing their thoughts, help them understand the truth the reading His Word is God's way of communicating and revealing Himself to us and prayer is our way of communicating to God.

- Read the following Scriptures together and discuss the question: **What do these Scriptures tell us about who we are to God?** Make sure the student(s) sees and understands the truth that God has chosen us.
 - **Eph 1:4-6; 1 Pet 2:9**
- Read the following Scriptures together and discuss the question: **What do these Scriptures tell us about how God is involved in our life?** Make sure the student(s) sees and understands the truth that God is God is intimately involved in our life.
 - **Mat 10:29-30; Psalm 139; John 10:14-15**
- Read the following Scriptures together and discuss the question: **What do these Scriptures tell us about how God cares for us?** Make sure the student(s) sees and understands the truth that God personally cares about our hurting heart, anxieties, and fears.
 - **Jer 8:18; Isa 9:6; Psalm 56:8; Isa 41:10**

DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S ALL-KNOWINGNESS

- Explain the following to the student(s) in your own words: *No other religion has a God like our God who desires to know you and to be known by you. In Genesis God walked in the garden in the cool of the day (Gen 3:8) to talk with Adam. God isn't a force or a carved statue that we pray to in hopes that things go well with us. Our God is active, personal, and intimately involved in every part of our lives.*
- Discuss: **Is God personal to you? If He is, describe how He is. If He isn't, why do you feel that way?**
- Discuss: **How does this personal/relational understanding of God change how you deal with the everyday things in your life?**

CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Spend this time in prayer together thanking God for who He is in light of what you learned about Him today.

We would love your feedback on this lesson! Click the link or scan the QR code.

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