

GOD IS UNCHANGING

Discipleship Guide #13/14

TODAY'S GOAL

- That the student(s) would better understand the hope and confidence that is found through abiding in an unchanging Savior

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 changed 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!

GET TO KNOW WHERE YOUR STUDENT(S) IS AT

- Start by discussing the following question to get the student(s) thinking: **Is God possible of changing? Whether it be in who He is (His being), attributes, purposes, promises? Does He, has He, and or will He change(d)?** Ask any follow-up questions where needed and just listen to your student's answers.
- After initiating the discussion above, discuss with your student(s) the following question: **How do we learn about/know God and if He changes? Where do we learn about who God is?**
- Then, explain to your student(s) that your hope today is to look at Scripture and discover the answer to the above question which is that God is an unchanging God. Discuss the following question before going to scripture: **What do you think it means for God to be unchanging?** This question is meant to promote discussion and evaluate where the student(s) is currently at in their understanding.

SEE WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT HIMSELF

- Have the student(s) read the following key scriptures and then briefly (i.e. 30 seconds) explain what they learn from each one about who God is. You don't need to cover every passage. Feel free to intentionally select some/all of the passages.
- Key Scriptures;
 - **Numbers 23:19** (Unlike us as humans, God is unchanging in His promises and purposes; He will always fulfill His promises); **Psalms 33:11** (the counsel and plans of the Lord are eternal; they do not change or waver); **Psalms 102:25-27** (God is eternally the same; He was the same before the foundation of the Earth as He is now and will be forever); **Isaiah 46:9-10** (God will accomplish all His plans and purposes); **Lamentations 3:22-23** (the love and mercy of God never changes); **Malachi 3:6** (the Lord does not change); **Hebrews 13:8** (Jesus does not

change); **James 1:17** (because all good gifts come from God and He does not change, we can be sure that only good gifts will come from God; God does not change in His character or actions)

- Discuss: **Now, how would you define God's unchangeableness based off the scriptures we just read?**
- Explain to the student(s) how theologically, God's "unchangeableness" is also called God's "immutability" (introducing this definition/theological term may be useful for an upperclassman in high school but less useful for a middle school student(s)). Explain how God's immutability can be defined as follows: God is unchanging in His being, perfections [i.e. attributes], purposes, and promises.

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

- Discuss the following verses as you seek to understand how God's unchangeability effects our life. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in asking any follow-up questions when needed.
- Discuss: **Why might it matter that God is unchanging?**
- Discuss: **How might truly knowing and understanding God's immutability changes how we view our circumstances or how we view the world?**
- Discuss: **How might knowing that God does not affect how we live?**
- Discuss: **How might knowing that God does not change affect our trust and confidence in Him?**
- Discuss: **How might knowing that God does not change affect _____ ?** Relate God's unchanging character to any specific situations/circumstances/questions/etc. that are ongoing in the student's life; make it personal for them.
- Speak the following truth into the student's life: *Our circumstances change constantly, but we have a steadfast Rock in our God who does not change. This gives us great hope! Throughout our life, people change, friends change, circumstances change, but God does not change. God's love towards us is unchanging, it does not change based on our "performance." Nothing we do can make God love us any more, and nothing we do can make God love us any less. Ask the student(s) what comes to mind when you say this.*
- Ask the student(s) if they have any questions and what they believe it means for God to be unchanging after covering all you did today.

CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Pray that we would better understand and find hope in God's unchanging character. Also, that we would have a desire to know God more and make Him known in our life.

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