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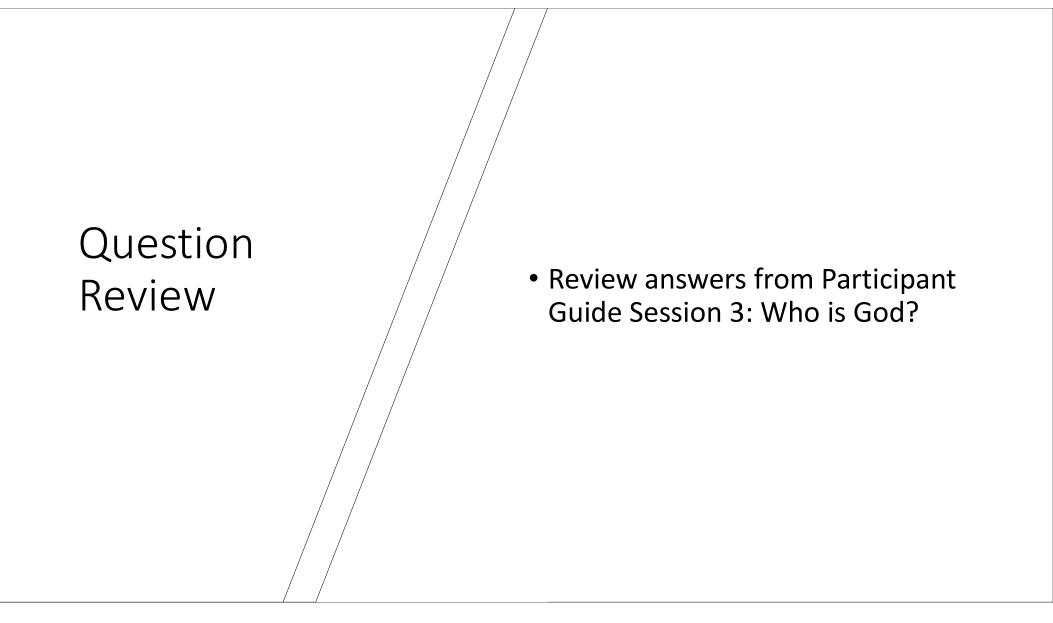
MONDAYS AT 6:30PM HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Session 3: Who is God?

Session Questions

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- Who is God?
- Does God exist?
- How do I describe God?



Section 1: Who is God?

One possible "view:"

God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe who has provided humanity with the revelation of Himself through the natural world and through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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Some key characteristics of God:

- Genesis 1:1 God is creator
- Psalm119:137 God is righteous
- Psalm 18:30 God is perfect
- John 4:24 God is Spirit
- 1 Chronicles 29:12 God is sovereign

The Bible does not defend the existence of God. It simply states that God does exist.

There are some popular arguments that are used to defend the existence of God.

- Arguments may not be enough to persuade
- Faith is still required Hebrews 11:6

Example:

• Moral Law Argument

Moral Law Argument:

- All people recognize some moral code
- There is a sense of universality to this moral code
- Since there is a universality of moral code, it transcends humanity
- Since this moral code transcends humanity, it requires a lawgiver apart from humanity

How has God revealed Himself?

General Revelation

- Romans 1:20
- Psalm 19:1
- Romans 2:14

Special Revelation

- Through Jesus Hebrews 1:3
- Through the Bible 2 Timothy 3:16

We can describe God through His attributes.

2 groups:

- Attributes exclusive to God; different than humanity; humanity cannot display
- Attributes that can be common between God and humanity; humanity can share

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- God is everywhere (omnipresent)
 Psalm 139:7
- God is all powerful (omnipotent)
 Psalm 115:3
- God is all knowing (omniscience)
 Hebrews 4:13
- Immutable Malachi 3:6
- Eternal Psalm 90:2

Attributes of God that we can also display or share

- Gracious Exodus 34:6
- Merciful 2 Samuel 22:26
- Good Psalm 34:8
- Just Psalm 103:6
- Holy Isaiah 6:3

How can knowing God influence my actions?

- Genesis 39:8
- Daniel 3:17-18
- Isaiah 6:8

How do the following verses help to know that God wants to have a relationship with me?

- Isaiah 1:18 God wants to reason with us
- Romans 5:8 God demonstrated His love while we were sinners
- 1 Peter 3:9 God wants all to come to repentance
- 1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us

Reflections & Wrap Up

- We can discover God through His attributes.
- God has and wants to reveal Himself to humanity.
- A correct view of God leads to a better relationship with God.
- Next session is Monday, June 3 at 6:30 PM in High School Room.

No study on Monday, May 27

- Questions for next session: Participant Guide Session 4: Who is Jesus?
- Thank you!

Additional Resource:

South East Calvary Chapel Pastors Conference 2023 – <u>Knowing God</u>

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