

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON TWO

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory John 3:16.
- 2. Read Psalm 23.
- 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 4. Complete all material in Lesson Two, "Knowing God's Character".

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson One. Discuss application.
- 2. Quote from memory John 3:16.
- 3. Check reading of Psalm 23.
- 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 5. Review Lesson Two. Emphasize the greatness of our God.
- 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Three". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 7. Close in prayer.

DYNAMIC

--- Discipling ---

Lesson Two

KNOWING GOD'S CHARACTER

An amazing truth is given to us in Daniel 11:32b: "*But the people who know their God will display strength and take action!*" We all want to live lives that are productive and strong in character. Therefore, we must "*know our God*". Not to know God is to stumble through life blindfolded, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what is happening around us.

In this lesson, we will look at the character of God and discover what sets Him apart as uniquely different from us. An understanding of God will bring purpose and meaning to our daily lives.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GOD?

Are you struggling with the issues of life or are you living in the confidence that God is in control? You will never be the same if you begin to live in the light of what you learn about your God. Those who have lived through difficult circumstances are more than conquerors, simply because they knew their God, understood His sovereignty and responded accordingly.

Each member of the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit have the same essential being or character.

God's character can be seen in two ways:

1. ATTRIBUTES BELONGING EXCLUSIVELY TO GOD

SOVEREIGN	ETERNAL	UNCHANGING
ALL POWERFUL	ALL KNOWING	EVERYWHERE PRESENT

2. ATTRIBUTES THAT REVEAL GOD AS HE RELATES TO HIS CREATION

HOLY	RIGHTEOUS	JUST	LOVE
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Study the following verses and write down the main points you learn about each Divine attribute. Respond by indicating how you will live in the light of what you know about God.

1. ATTRIBUTES THAT BELONG EXCLUSIVELY TO GOD

SOVEREIGN - God is supreme ruler above all of His creation.

The Bible says:

Psalm 103:19 _____

Romans 9:20, 21 _____

What it means: All things are in His hands. God does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the people of the earth. We can not stop Him nor do we have the right to question Him. (Daniel 4:35 and Isaiah 55:8, 9)

God is teaching me _____

ETERNAL - God has always existed and will always exist.

The Bible says:

Isaiah 44:6 _____

Revelation 1:8 _____

1 Timothy 1:17 _____

What it means: Because God is God, His ways, character and acts are beyond our understanding. The whole basis of His existence is within Himself. God has no limits or bounds whatsoever in His nature or His dominion.

God is teaching me _____

UNCHANGING - God is always the same in His nature, character and will. He has no need to change, and can never be made to change.

The Bible says:

Psalm 102:25-27 _____

Hebrews 13:8 _____

What it means: God's will never changes. He desires to bless His people and draw all men to Himself. We can trust Him to keep His Word as we obey His principles.

God is teaching me _____

ALL POWERFUL - God possesses all power. He is able to do everything and anything He decides to do.

The Bible says:

Job 42:2 _____

Ephesians 3:20 _____

What it means: God's power is demonstrated in:

1. Creating the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)
2. Maintaining all things (Hebrews 1:3)
3. Providing salvation (Romans 1:16)
4. Caring for us (I Peter 5:6, 7)

God is teaching me _____

ALL KNOWING - God has a perfect and complete knowledge of everything past, present and future.

The Bible says:

Psalm 139:1-6 _____

Hebrews 4:13 _____

What it means: God knows our thoughts, our feelings, our desires and our secrets. Nothing ever takes God by surprise. For example, when God accepted you as His child and gave you eternal life it was with a full understanding of all you would be and do.

God is teaching me: _____

EVERYWHERE PRESENT - God is everywhere in all the universe at all times in His total character.

The Bible says:

Proverbs 15:3 _____

Jeremiah 23: 23, 24 _____

What it means: In times of need, we can be sure that God is very near us even when we don't feel His nearness. We can not hide from God. He knows exactly what is happening in the nations, in the church and in our individual lives.

God is teaching me _____

2. ATTRIBUTES THAT REVEAL GOD AS HE RELATES TO HIS CREATION

HOLY - God is morally excellent and **perfectly pure** in all aspects of His being.

The Bible says:

Job 34:10 _____

Isaiah 57:15 _____

1 Peter 1:14-16 _____

What it means: God is absolute purity in every thought and action.

1 Peter 1:16 says, "*Be holy because I am holy*". This is only possible as I allow the Holy Spirit to live as He pleases in me.

God is teaching me _____

RIGHTEOUS - God always does the **right** thing. Since He is God, whatever He does is ultimately good because He is absolute truth. His actions are always motivated by His love.

The Bible says:

Deuteronomy 32:3, 4 _____

Romans 8:28 _____

What it means: God's motives are always right. When He gives us direction for our lives, we can always be sure that it is true and right, even when it seems contrary to our human desires and wisdom.

God is teaching me _____

JUST - God is **impartial and right** in all His actions. In perfect equity (legal fairness), He rewards righteousness and punishes sin.

The Bible says:

Nehemiah 9:13, 33 _____

II Thessalonians 1:3-10 _____

What it means: God, who is the judge of all, will see that justice is fully met. This is encouraging for those who are mistreated in this life. It is also a warning to those who do evil. God hates evil and it will be punished. God tells us to live clean, righteous lives and made it possible for us to receive His righteousness through Jesus Christ's death. (II Corinthians 5:21)

God is teaching me _____

LOVE - God is perfect and infinite love. He gives His love freely and without considering the worthiness of the one being loved. The greatest act of love ever displayed by God toward us is sending Jesus to die for our sins. (Romans 5:8)

The Bible says:

John 3:16 _____

Romans 8:37-39 _____

What it means: God loves us unconditionally. His love never changes. He loves us perfectly. He has placed His love in us (Romans 5:5). Jesus Christ living in us makes it possible for us to love others as He loves us. (1 John 4:7)

God is teaching me: _____

3. APPLICATION

MY RESPONSE

Now go back over this lesson. Choose one practical thing that you need to do to live differently in light of the knowledge of your God.

This week I will _____

Remember, *"The people who know their God will display strength and take action!"*

Daniel 11:32b

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Topic _____

Date _____ Speaker _____

Scripture Reference _____

List Main Points and Key Thoughts for Each

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response is _____

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON THREE

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory Revelation 1:8.
- 2. Read one chapter a day - John 1 - 7. (See page 35)
- 3. Make application of "My Response" at end of Lesson Two.
- 4. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 5. Complete all material in Lesson Three, "Communicating With God."

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Two. Enjoy the excitement of knowing our great God!
- 2. Discuss application of "My Response" Lesson Two.
- 3. Quote from memory Revelation 1:8.
- 4. Check reading of John 1 - 7.
- 5. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 6. Review Lesson Three. Emphasize the importance of a regular daily time with God.
- 7. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Four". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 8. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet.