#### Who is God?

Lesson 1

Exodus 15:11, 20:2; Job 34:12; Isaiah 6:3; Jeremiah 9:24, 10:10, 23:23; Malachi 3:6; Acts 17:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:17

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**Identity: Who is God?** 

#### INTRODUCTION

God is timeless, immeasurable, infinite. He is beyond all we can understand. And yet, we can know Him. He has made Himself known and provides us His attributes and characteristics in His word and by His spirit in us, so that we can know this infinite God as we would know anyone.

What does God say of Himself? How do we know? What are the important attributes about God that we need to understand above all others? How does it help us to know God?

Often it seems we have more questions than answers. The questions are crucial, though, as they are evidence of our spirit longing to know Him and desiring fellowship with Him. In these passages, we can hear God speak of Himself, and we can begin to know Him as He is.

Memory verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." —Deuteronomy 31:6

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

# **OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?**

1.	What are some of characteristics of God? (Exodus 15:11; Jeremiah 10:10; 1 Timothy 1:17)
2.	In what does God delight? (Jeremiah 9:24)
3.	How does God's nature affect His people? (Exodus 20:2; Malachi 3:6)
4.	What does God need from us, and what do we need from Him? (Acts 17:24-25)
5.	Does God ever do wrong? (Job 34:12)

### INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. How is the God of the Bible different from other gods that people have worshiped? (Exodus 15:11; Jeremiah 10:10; Acts 17:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:17)

2. God is holy and awesome, yet He calls us to know Him. How can we identify with God, as mighty as He is? (Genesis 1:27; Jeremiah 9:24; John 1:11-13; Acts 17:24-25; Ephesians 1:5; Colossians 2:9-10)

3.	God declares Himself to be eternal. What is meant by
	this? (Isaiah 40:28; John 1:1, 8:58; Revelation 1:8)

4. What reassurance do we have that we can know God? (Jeremiah 9:24; John 17:3; Romans 12:2; 2 Peter 3:18)

# APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. Has our God changed in any way since the ages written about in the Bible? How does this affect your relationship with Him?

2. How well do you know God, and what are some new thoughts you might have about your knowledge of God and His characteristics after studying these passages? In what way has your desire to know God been affected?

3. Write a prayer to God seeking to know Him more clearly and deeply. Pray for the strong desire to have a deeper, closer relationship to Him, to know Him, and to know yourself through Him as His child and disciple of Christ.