

Theology Intensive

Doctrine of God

What is God like and how does he satisfy our souls?

BIG IDEA

The unsearchable riches of God lead us into an all-satisfying life with him.

MAIN SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 103:8)

ASSIGNMENTS

Required Reading – To Be Completed **BEFORE** Class

- Wayne Grudem, chapter 4 “The Character of God: ‘Incommunicable’ Attributes” in *Bible Doctrine*. (17 pages)
- Wayne Grudem, chapter 5 “The ‘Communicable’ Attributes of God” in *Bible Doctrine*. (18 pages)
- Wayne Grudem, chapter 6 “The Trinity” in *Bible Doctrine*. (19 pages)
- Michael Reeves, chapter 1 “What Was God Doing Before Creation?” in *Delighting in the Trinity*. (19 pages)

Required Response – To Be Completed **AFTER** Class

- Take a walk outside (e.g. through a park) and identify at least 10 things that speak to the character of God, which any person could see. List your observations.
- Identify at least 10 things in the person of Christ from the book of Luke about the character of God, which are only revealed in Scripture. List your observations.
- 500-word response (~1 page, single spaced) to each of the three following scenarios.
 - A Christian brother/sister whom you are discipling, asks, “What relevance does the Trinity have for my daily Christian life?” (500 words)
 - A child in Restoration Kids asks, “How is God different than us?” Another child asks, “How are we like God?” (500 words)
 - A co-worker knows you’re a Christian and asks you, “How is God’s character compatible with suffering and why does this give you hope in the midst of suffering?” (500 words)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES (Optional for Personal Growth)

Reading Suggestions

- JI Packer, *Knowing God*
- AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*
- Michael Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity*

Suggested Systematic Theology Textbooks

- Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*

- Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*
- Daniel Akin, *A Theology for the Church*