

WHO IS GOD? ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

—A. W. Tozer

A wrong view of God can impact our faith, our view of ourselves, and how we live our lives. In this session, we'll dig into the attributes and persons of God in order to see him more clearly. Seeing him more clearly will increase our intimacy with him and our ability to inspire others to follow him.

VERSE | 1 JOHN 4:16

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. (1 John 4:16)

This verse should be used for memorization or meditation until the next meeting.

CONTEXT | 1 JOHN 4

Chapter 4 warns those who follow Jesus not to accept every claim they hear as truth. Instead, they are to compare what they hear to the basic truths of the gospel. John then returns to the theme of love, explaining how we ought to live out the presence of God's love in our lives. In addition, living according to God's love takes away our fear of judgment. In no uncertain terms, those who claim to love God but hate others are liars.

PRAYER PRACTICE

The purpose of prayer is to grow our relationship with God and remind us we can trust him no matter what. By trusting, we believe:

- God is constantly available.
- God is actively engaging.
- God is all-knowing and loving.

Watch [Connect with God: Prayer](#).

Practice a daily prayer time. If you already have a consistent prayer time, consider adding an additional daily time or extending your current prayer time.



REFLECTION EXERCISES

Read Genesis 1–3. God pursued Adam and Eve after their rebellion and asked them the very first question in the Bible: “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9). God knew their location, but he wanted them to realize where they were spiritually. This is the same question he is asking us.

Read John 15. Jesus shares with us a vision of a life with God, by using the metaphor of the vine and the branches. This image goes far beyond just an awareness of God. Instead, it illustrates for us an intimate and life-giving relationship with God marked by abiding love.

Note: Read the two passages before the next exercise.

Write a letter to God answering the question, “Where are you spiritually?” Reflect on these questions to help you write your letter:

- On a scale of surviving to thriving, where are you?
- What do you want God to say to you right now?
- What do you need to confess to him?
- What changes in your life would lead to a thriving relationship with God?
- What are your hopes and prayers for your time in LDG?

Note: Your letter will not be shared with the rest of the group, but you will use this letter again as you conclude LDG during the last session.

Read Chapters 1–20 of [Renovation of the Heart in Daily Practice](#) by Dallas Willard and Jan Johnson. Read a chapter a day and complete the “Today’s Experiment” for 20 days.

Watch each of the following videos and **answer** the questions:

- [God](#) by BibleProject
 - Which person of the Trinity is the easiest to relate to? Which is the hardest?
 - God is described as an “eternal community of love.” How does this affect your understanding of God and you?
- [Messiah](#) by BibleProject
 - How would you summarize the purpose of the Messiah?
- [Holy Spirit](#) by BibleProject
 - What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our world and in us?
- [Holiness](#) by BibleProject
 - What do you think it means to be “transformed” by God’s holiness? How should this affect us?



Review the [Attributes of God](#) handout and write down your answers to the following questions.

- Are there any attributes you were surprised to see on this list? Why?
- Which attributes are tough for you to believe? Why?

Read the following quotes:

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” –A. W. Tozer

“A dysfunctional picture of God can express itself in a dysfunctional way of living.” –Trevor Hudson

“Neither knowing God nor knowing self can progress very far unless it begins with a knowledge of how deeply we are loved by God. Until we dare to believe that nothing can separate us from God’s love—nothing we could do or fail to do, nor anything that could be done (has been done) by anyone else to us (Romans 8:31–39)—we remain in the elementary grades of the school of Christian spiritual transformation. Genuine transformation requires vulnerability. It is not the fact of being loved unconditionally that is life changing. It is the risky experience of allowing myself to be loved unconditionally.” –David Benner

Write your answers to the following questions.

- A wrong view of God can impact our faith, our view of ourselves, and how we live our lives. What are some views you have held that are inconsistent with what we’ve learned?
- How have your false views impacted your relationship with God and others?

Write your most significant insight from this session and how you will apply it to your life.

