

STUDY AND DISCUSSION NOTES FOR SUNNYSIDE BY REV JUSTIN GROVES

“GOD IS.....”

Acts 17:22-31

The truth about who God is should impact our daily lives AND the world around us

1. CREATOR

- Distinct to his creation/ has Always been/ Look up at the stars and planets/He is a God of power

Questions:

- How often do you try to do things differently or do new things?
- How can you daily experience the power of the Creator God?

2. LORD

- Accountable to no one/ Every knee will bow (Philippians 2:10-11)/ He is in control

Questions

- Does it feel like God is in charge of your life (and the world) right now?
- Do you trust and submit to him despite what the news says?

3. OMNIPRESENT

- Not contained by a building/Expect his presence and activity wherever you are

Questions:

- Will I be surprised by Jesus' presence and activity?
- What keeps me from being aware that He is with me despite the setting and the company?

4. ALL SUFFICIENT

- He has no needs but is the supreme giver/ When we come to faith in Him He is not getting something He needs

Questions:

- Have you ever had a sabbatical, a prolonged rest from something that was beginning to really shape who you are?
- How can you this week be more of a giver than a taker?

5. SOVEREIGN

- God determines the rise and fall of Empires, His story, He puts us where He will

Question

- What's his purpose for you here at Sunnyside? Esther 4:14

6. NEAR

- God is accessible. Is your church? We are all children of GOD. True or False?

Challenge

- Try to imagine sitting next to Jesus for the evening
- Try to imagine Jesus embracing you and holding you very close

7. LIVING

- He is not man made/No one compares to Him

Challenge

- Read psalm 42:1-2 & John 7:37-39 New Living Translation

Questions How can you drink in the living GOD? + How thirsty are you?

- JUDGE
- There is a judgement day

Questions

- How does that make you feel about who GOD is?
- Are you ready for GOD to shine his light into your life today?
- Are we called to Judge others??? What scriptures speak to us as Jesus being the Only Judge?

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OUTRO...

"Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know Him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." - Hosea 6:3

I WONDER....

1. HOW WELL DO WE KNOW GOD?
2. HOW WELL DO WE DESCRIBE HIM TO OTHERS WHO DON'T BELIEVE?

EXTRA SCRIPTURES to ponder

1. 8. John 17:3

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

2. Daniel 11:32

"...but the people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits." (NKJV)

3. Jeremiah 33:3

"Call to me, and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."