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Welcome



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“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.” (Psalm 73:25)

“One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.” (Psalms 27:4 ESV)



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“a serious case could be made for a
deistic god”

[but not]

“a god who cares
about our sins”





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I. To know God is to have salvation

⇒ Conversion is coming to know God

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)



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⇒ Growth and change are about knowing God

“[you] have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

(Colossians 3:10)



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I. To know God is to have salvation

- ⇒ Conversion is coming to know God
- ⇒ Growth and change are about knowing God
- ⇒ Our final goal is knowing God

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” (1 Corinthians 13:12)



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1. To know God is to have salvation
2. We know God only through the Gospel



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God is infinite + We are finite + We are fallen

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**We need God to reveal
himself to us**



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1. To know God is to have salvation
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“All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” (Matthew 11:27)



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1. To know God is to have salvation
 2. We know God only through the Gospel
- ⇒ Knowing God starts with humility towards God and towards his word



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Group Discussion Time



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Shape of the course:

Session 1: Introduction - Knowing God

Session 2: Describing the Indescribable

Session 3: God the Trinity - Basics

Session 4: God the Trinity - How come $1+1+1=1$?

Session 5: God the Trinity - So what?

Session 6: God, gods and Idolatry [Conclusion and Review]



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Group Discussion Feedback



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Why so many names and descriptions?

- ⇒ God is incomprehensible...
- ⇒ ... but knowable

We cannot know God fully,
but we can know God truly



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God's name...

- Tells us his character or reputation
- Is associated with his saving actions (Isaiah 30:27)
- Is associated with his presence (Deuteronomy 12:5, 1 Kings 8:29, Rev 3:12)

God relates to us through his name/ names

- ⇒ It matters what we call God
- ⇒ It matters what other people call God



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God's Names

God

God



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God's Names

God Almighty

'...the One who possesses all power, and can therefore overcome all resistance and make all things subservient to his will...God gives himself to his people, and his invincible power is for them the guarantee of the fulfilment of his covenant promises.'





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God's Names

Most High

God occupies the highest rank in the universe



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God's Names

Lord (OT)

Master, Owner, Ruler



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God's Names

LORD (OT)/ Yahweh

Personal Name

'I Am Who I Am'

Unchanging/ Promise-Keeping/ Self-revealing



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God's Names

LORD of Hosts/ Almighty

God is surrounded by armies (angels and his people)



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God's Names

Father-Son-Holy Spirit

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” (Matthew 28:19)



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Group Discussion Time

- From your list of names and descriptions for God pick out which ones our culture might find surprising.
- Take one name/ description of God and use it as the basis for prayer
- Share personal prayer requests and pray for one another with what we've learned about God in mind.