

# discipleship essentials

Essentials for Christian Living  
Leader's Guide

## OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### LESSON 4: UNIQUE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

#### INTRODUCTION

This lesson is part of a Discipleship Essentials module entitled *Our Relationship with God*. This series of lessons examines the relationship we have with God. It begins by understanding our identity in Christ which is a result of our becoming a child of God. This series of lessons looks at the attributes of God, how we learn about God and know Him better, and how we develop this personal relationship. Understanding ourselves in God's eyes, and having a clearer picture of who God is, will help us live the life that God designed for us.

#### INTENDED AUDIENCE

The intended audience for these lessons is new Christians, those who would like a refresher on the basics of Christianity, as well as those preparing to teach these Christian practices and beliefs. Also, those with an interest in Christian thought will find value in these lessons as they pertain to daily living and choices.

The Leader's Guide is intended to help you as a leader in your preparation. These lesson outlines may be used in conjunction with other Discipleship Essentials materials found online at [www.discipleshipessentials.org](http://www.discipleshipessentials.org).

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this lesson is to look at six important attributes of God: omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, eternal, immutable, and infinite.

### LEADER'S NOTE

This lesson introduces six major attributes of God. These are the things that define Him as 'God' and set our Creator above His creation. They may sound like complicated theological words to some of your participants, but they are important and foundational to understanding who God is and how He works. These are traits that no one else but God has – not Satan or angels or demons. How wonderful it is to know that God does not employ His powers to destroy us, but to love us! If theology is new to your participants, take time with this lesson and help them see the practical difference this knowledge can have in their lives.

## INTRODUCTION

*Select two or three of the following questions to ask the group.*

- ❖ How do you feel about the fact that we worship a God who knows everything? Does it bring you worry, shame, joy, or comfort?
- ❖ Why does it matter that God has revealed Himself to us? That He desires for us to know Him? What should our response to this be?
- ❖ Do most people think of God as a person, with character traits and emotion, or do they think of Him as a force or impersonal being? How could you begin to communicate the personhood of God?
- ❖ Think of some attributes of God that belong **ONLY** to God. What are they?



## STUDY

*Instruct the group on the following points.*

### TEACH

- ❖ **Communicable and Incommunicable Attributes:** Bible scholars and teachers sometimes separate all the attributes of God into two groups:
  - **Communicable Attributes** are those which created beings can share with God such as love, kindness, and wisdom. When we strive to be more like Jesus Christ, who is God in human form, these are the attributes we desire to attain.
  - **Incommunicable Attributes** are those which God alone possesses, They include:
- ❖ **God is Eternal, Immutable, and Infinite**
  - **Eternal:** According to Scripture, God has no beginning and has no end. We, His Creation, had a beginning and we live inside of time. God exists outside this and is not confined by time or the need to have a beginning. (Revelations 4:8; 2 Peter 3:8; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:16)
  - **Immutable:** God does not change in any way. Who He was before He created the world, is who He will be at the end of time. He will always be exactly the same. (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17)
  - **Infinite:** God has no limitations whatsoever. Nothing outside of Himself —no law of the universe, no space—confines or defines Him. All of His other attributes are affected by His infinite nature. He is infinitely good, infinitely powerful, etc. (Isaiah 40:28; 1 Kings 8:27; Genesis 21:33; Deuteronomy 33:27; Acts 7:48; Psalm 90:2)
- ❖ **God is Omnipresent:** It is incredible to think that God has the ability to be everywhere at all times! It is hard to wrap our minds around this fact, but the Bible tells us clearly that God is always present everywhere. In Psalm 139:7-10, David tells us we can never be apart from the presence of God!
  - It is important to realize that we cannot run away from God! Nothing can remove us from His presence. This should be a comfort to us. God loves us so much He won't let us out of His sight! Nothing in all creation is outside of the presence of God.
  - Look up Psalm 129:7-12 and Jeremiah 23:24.
- ❖ **God is Omnipotent:** God is capable of doing anything He desires. In Scripture God is referred to as the Lord Almighty. The word "almighty" reminds us that God is capable of anything, and nothing can ever stand in His way. He will always work in accordance with His own nature (therefore, even though He is capable of all things, He cannot change, or lie). The focus of this



attribute is not only on God's strength, but on His ability to perfectly do all things in keeping with His nature.

- Knowing that God can do anything and that He loves us should impact how we pray! Nothing is too difficult, all things are possible! No request you bring before Him is outside of His ability. We serve and worship a powerful God!
  - Look up Luke 1:37; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Matthew 19:26
- ❖ **God is Omniscient:** God knows all things, nothing is ever concealed from Him. He has perfect knowledge. He never has to learn anything, and he never forgets anything!
  - It is hard to comprehend that God knows all things, but this should be a comfort to us knowing that He understands our sorrows, our fears, the secrets we can't tell anyone. God is with us in all of them! We must also be reminded to watch our thoughts and motives. They are all laid bare before God.
    - Look up 1 John 3:20; Luke 12:7; Romans 16:27; Hebrews 4:13

## DISCUSSION

- ❖ How do the attributes we've just examined change how we pray to God? Why should we continue to pray if God already knows our needs?
- ❖ How could you share the above attributes of God with a friend of another faith, while reassuring them that God loves them and longs to have a relationship with them?
- ❖ What other incommunicable attributes of God can you think of? *These are attributes that only He possesses (holy, sovereign, self-existent, etc.).*
- ❖ How should knowing the attributes of God change our lives? How can you put this new knowledge into practice?

## PRAYER

*Close with a time of prayer. Thank God that He has revealed Himself to us in the Scriptures – that He never changes and that nothing will separate us from Him. Thank God that He is unchangeable, holy and perfect. Everything else in the world changes while God does not. He knows us, is all powerful, and most of all He loves us! Praise God for these things, and pray that participants would have a desire to know God more. Pray that this knowledge would change their hearts and lives.*