

Paradigm Discipleship Lesson

The purpose of this resource is to provide some guidance for you as you encourage your disciple to develop a strong devotional relationship with God.

The following resource is part 2 of 6 resources designed to help your disciple gain a better understanding of the Gospel. We encourage you to use this resource in your own study as you prepare to meet with your disciple.

The GOSPEL PART 2 - God

GOAL: The goal is to come away thinking about how amazing God is! The hope this week is that we grow in our understanding and belief that God has all authority, He loves perfectly, and there is no one like Him.

OPENING QUESTION: How would you describe God?

- The answer here could be numerous. Affirm all correct answers and then transition into focusing on the understanding of God being a holy, loving-creator.
- “A right understanding of life and the world begins with a right understanding of God.”

Read Exodus 34:6-7 - How does God describe himself? Anything new or challenging?

- In this study we will focus on three characteristics about God. Him being holy, loving, and the creator.

God is Holy

- Holy defined: Set apart or without equal.
 - “For God, to be holy is not simply to be without sin, to be holy is to be without equal.”
- David Platt
- Acts 17:24-31, Revelation 4:1-11, Isaiah 6:1-5
 - How do these verses describe God as being Holy or set apart or different from us?
 - The seraphim are without sin yet must cover their eyes before God. It is not only sin that makes us different from God. We are not his equal.

God is Loving

- How would you define love?
 - John 15:12 & 1 John 4:7-10 - How is love defined here?
 - Sacrificial, self-giving
 - Psalm 136 - What is steadfast love?
 - A love that doesn't give up, not fickle or dependent on others, is reliable.
- His love is different from ours. He never grows weary of love. He is the perfect example of love. His love is not one of tolerance but of sacrifice, truth, and faithfulness.

God is Creator

- Genesis 1 - What does this teach us about God?
 - **He created** everything we know, including humanity.

- **He had a design** in mind when He created the world.
- **He has all the authority** because He made everything. It is not bad that God has authority.
- Perfectly Holy - He has authority over right/wrong, what is wise and foolish. He is just and set apart.
- Perfectly Loving - He has authority over love. He defines what love looks like. He is love.

God is the holy, loving creator.

- What happens to our understanding of God if we miss one of these three defining characteristics?

Reflection Question: Which one of these attributes do you think of last? Which one comes to mind first?

HOMEWORK: Read Genesis 2-3

- Take note of how humanity relates to God before the fall and after the fall.