

Discovering Your Bible

SESSION 10

The God of the Bible

Session Discovery

In this last session of Discovering Your Bible, we will conclude our study together by talking about the reason we read the Bible in the first place: to know God Himself. Through His Word, God always intended not just to be studied, but also to be experienced. Today, let's discover how we can confidently grow our relationship with God and experience His presence through His Word! Let's pray together and then start our video teaching!

Video Session Notes

Our view of God determines how we approach Him, His Word, and our relationship with Him.

Three wrong views of God:

1. Authoritarian
2. Distant
3. Critical



The Correct View of God

God is three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

- 2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’” - Matthew 3:16-17 NIV

One God revealed in three Persons:

1. The Father speaks as “a voice from heaven.”
2. The Son, Jesus, being baptized and coming up out of the water.
3. The Holy Spirit “descending like a dove” on the Son with the love of the Father.

A clear picture of God:

1. God the Father, who **loves us**.
2. God the Son, who came to **save us**.
3. God the Holy Spirit, who is **with us**.



3 things God wants us to know as we approach Him and His Word:

1. “You are My child.” = Acceptance

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” -

Romans 8:15-16 NIV

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” - **Hebrews 13:5 NIV**

2. “I love you.” = Affection

“See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are!” - **1 John 3:1 NLT**

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.” -
Romans 8:38 NLT



"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - **Romans 5:8 NIV**

3. **"I am proud of you." = Affirmation**

God sees our potential.

"Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known." - **1 John 3:2 NIV**

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." - **Ephesians 2:10 NIV**

Approach God and His Word through relationship, not rules.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." - **2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV**

To get the best of God, we have to include people.



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” - Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

Group Discovery

- What was your view of God like growing up? How would you describe your understanding of His character today?
- How does understanding the three Persons of the Trinity affect your relationship with God? What does it look like to engage with God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Which of the three statements about God’s posture towards you impacts you the most? Which of these three do you need to receive in a fresh way today?
- What is the importance of Small Groups in our spiritual lives? How has discovering God’s Word together this semester impacted you?

As we wrap up this final session of our study together, let’s review all of our Scripture memory verses and see how well we remember them! Do your best to recite the verses aloud together without looking at the words. Continue to emphasize Scripture memory in your life so you can get God’s Word “in” you and live out its truth every day!

Scripture Memory

Session 1:

*“For the Word of God is **living** and **active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to divide soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12 NIV*

Session 2:

*“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God **endures forever**.”
- Isaiah 40:8 NIV*

Session 3:

*“For everything **comes from Him** and **exists by His power** and is **intended for His glory**. All glory to Him forever! Amen.” - Romans 11:36 NLT*



Session 4:

*“**Think** over what I say, for the Lord will give you **understanding** in everything.”
- 2 Timothy 2:7 ESV*

Session 5:

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one **approved**, a **worker** who does not need to be ashamed and who **correctly handles the Word of truth**.”
- 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV*

Session 6:

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a **Kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us be **thankful**, and so **worship** God acceptably with **reverence** and **awe**...”
- Hebrews 12:28 NIV*

Session 7:

*“This is the **covenant** I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the Lord. ‘I will **put my law in their minds** and **write it on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”
- Jeremiah 31:33-34*

Session 8:

*“The Lord **bless** you
and **keep** you;
the Lord **make His face shine on you**
and be **gracious** to you;
the Lord **turn His face toward you**
and give you **peace**.”
- Numbers 6:24-26 NIV*



Session 9:

*“But in keeping with His **promise** we are looking forward to a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, where righteousness dwells.” - 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

We hope you have enjoyed this time of Discovering Your Bible together. Now that you have the tools you need to study and understand God’s Word, we hope you’ll continue on this journey throughout your life. As you read and study the Word, never forget that the ultimate reason we read the Bible is to get to know the Author. Let your time in God’s Word fuel your passion for Him. Let what you learn about His character and His heart for you draw you into a close relationship with Him. At the end of the day, it’s not about *what* you know—it’s about *Who* you know!

Be sure to stay connected with one another as you pursue God through His Word. Encourage each other to keep digging into Scripture, and maybe even ask someone in your group to memorize Scripture with you weekly! Your relationship with God and your understanding of His Word will grow more and more when you study together in community.

Let’s close our time together in prayer.

Prayer

Father, thank You for this group and for our time together this semester. Thank You for teaching us so many incredible things about Your Word. Let what we’ve learned in this study take root in our hearts so that we can continue to grow in our understanding of the Bible throughout our lives. Help us stay passionate about Your Word. And let everything we learn from the Bible draw us into a closer relationship with You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

