

EQUIPPED TO WIN | EPISODE 1: LOVE GOD

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Do we believe in the God revealed in the Scriptures or the God according to us? According to the Bible, God is Triune(the Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit). God is the creator of everything and is worthy of our worship. Our God is really there.

CONNECT

Story Cards: What is your current view of God?

If no Story Cards, describe your current view of God. What makes you see Him this way?

PROTECT

Ask God to remove any false ideas of Him and help you experience Him in a fresh way during Equipped to Win.

GROW

- 1. When we see God for who He really is, we realize He is Triune, worthy of worship, and really there. Which of these is the most difficult for you to really believe? What makes it hard to accept?
- 2. Read the following verses out loud: Romans 15:15-16, Jude 1:20-21, Acts 2:38-39, John 15:26, 2 Corinthians 13:14. What is one thing you learned about the Trinity from these verses?
- 3. What is something that you prayed for and never received? How did it change your view of God?
- 4. Read Psalm 23. David was clearly confident of God's presence in his life. What is a moment in your life where you knew God was really there?

PRAY

Thank Jesus for doing what we cannot do for ourselves. Thank Jesus for how we can be called children of God, not because of what we do, but because of what He did. Thank the Holy Spirit for being our helper and leading us to the truth.



PGROUPS



EPISODE 1: MIDWEEK MEDITATION

GOD IS REALLY THERE. HE IS PRESENT IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES. EVEN HIS NAME IS EVIDENCE OF THIS. EXODUS 3:14-15 SAYS, "GOD SAID TO MOSES, 'I AM WHO I AM.' AND HE SAID, 'SAY THIS TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, 'I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU."

WE SEE HERE IN THE TEXT THAT GOD IS "I AM." HE JUST IS, AND HE ALWAYS WILL BE. HE IS ETERNAL, HAS ALWAYS EXISTED, AND ALWAYS WILL EXIST.
WITH THAT BEING SAID, LOOK AT THE HEBREW WORDS FOR "PRESENT TIME," "TO BE," "I AM" (WHAT GOD CALLS HIMSELF IN EXODUS 3:14), AND YAHWEH
(THE NAME OF GOD). SEE WHAT YOU NOTICE ABOUT THEM:

הווה- PRESENT TIME היה- TO BE היה- "I AM" היהי- YAHWEH (THE NAME OF GOD)

DO YOU NOTICE HOW SIMILAR THESE FOUR HEBREW WORDS LOOK?

THE NAME YAHWEH TELLS US THIS: GOD EXISTS, AND GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRESENT, WILL ALWAYS BE PRESENT, AND IS EVEN PRESENT RIGHT NOW.

WHEN YOU WONDER IF GOD IS REALLY THERE, REMEMBER HIS NAME. YAHWEH.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. READ 2 CHRONICLES 7. THIS STORY SHOWS THAT GOD IS PRESENT AND WORTHY OF WORSHIP. WHAT IS ONE MOMENT WHERE YOU HAVE SEEN GOD BE PRESENT?
- 2. AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY CONTINUALLY TO GOD. HOW WOULD IT CHANGE YOUR PRAYER LIFE IF YOU STARTED TO BELIEVE THAT GOD IS REALLY THERE?

TAKE A STEP:

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL PRAYED THE SHEMA PRAYER 3 TIMES DAILY AS A REMINDER OF WHO GOD IS. THE SHEMA PRAYER IS FOUND IN DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9. WRITE OUT THE SHEMA PRAYER BELOW AND THEN PUT IT INTO PRACTICE. PRAY THE SHEMA AT MEALS AND WHEN YOU WAKE UP AND GO TO BED. EACH TIME YOU PRAY THE SHEMA PRAYER, LET IT BE A REMINDER THAT YOUR GOD, YAHWEH, IS WITH YOU AND IS WORTHY OF YOUR WORSHIP.