

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

Collegiate Staff Training



Who is God? *We can read and know a lot about a person, historical (like George Washington) or current (like Jim Luebe), but how is that different from knowing that person? More than knowing parts of, or facts about God, our central aim should be to know Him intimately, personally; all the while realizing that since God is infinite, our pursuit and ability to know Him will never be completely fulfilled.*

Jeremiah 9:23, 24 says, "Thus says the Lord, 'Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and know Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares the LORD."

This is a Bible study template to use to study any particular aspect of the amazing character of our God. In consultation with your trainer, choose one aspect of God's character to explore. Suggested resources to have on hand as you study are: Bible Concordance, blueletterbible.org, biblegateway.com

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Define the attribute of God that you will study.
- B. Using the resources you have on hand, locate verses/passages that speak to the attribute you are studying.

II. ATTRIBUTE OVERVIEW

- A. List at least 15-20 verses/passages you discovered during the Introduction portion of your study.
- B. Read and meditate on each passage in context. Use a variety of translations.
- C. Write a paragraph or simple outline summarizing what these passages say about this attribute of God. What would it look like if I believed these truths about God? What difference does it make in me if these things are true about God? What new realities about God have I seen?

III. ATTRIBUTE APPLIED

- A. If I know and believe this truth about God, how can/could this attribute impact:
- My relationship with God?
 - My self-image? How I feel about myself, my design, my past, my failures?
 - My lifestyle?
 - My ministry?
- B. If this attribute is not known or if it is misunderstood, what unrealistic ideas could I have about:
- God?
 - Life?
 - Myself?
 - Relationships?
 - Ministry?
- C. Locate a Bible character that represents this attribute (positively or negatively) by their life, their understanding, or their misunderstanding of God.
- Describe him/her.
 - Describe the place and culture in which this character lived.
 - How did he/she live out a belief or a distrust of this attribute?

IV. SUMMARY

- A. Read and meditate on a favorite passage from this study. In view of this attribute of God:
- What can I be certain of about Him?
 - Is there something I should do in response to who He is?
- B. This attribute is one aspect of Who God is. God is perfection and every aspect of His character is perfectly expressed. How does the attribute you have studied balance with other aspects or character traits of Who God is? **Choose two other characteristics of God's nature and explain how they work together.** (For example: How does His perfect justice balance with His perfect mercy and longsuffering?).

V. PERSONAL APPLICATION OF THIS ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

What has God revealed, clarified or affirmed regarding my...

CALLING (Who I am in Christ, Who we are as Navigators)

CONVICTIONS (What I know and believe)

CHARACTER (Who I'm becoming as I follow and imitate Christ)

COMPETENCIES (What skills I already have and/or need to develop)

CONTRIBUTION (How I minister and serve- now and/or in the future)

What additional step(s) is God prompting me to take as a result of this study in any of these 5 areas?

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