

this is our God

Last week, we kicked off a new series in Psalm 103 called "This is our God." If you're new to the faith or church, you may have a wrong perception of God. It can even be the case if you've been a Christian for a long time. Thankfully, Psalm 103 helps clear up many of our misconceptions.

Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, what encouraged or challenged you the most?

Read Psalm 103:6-12

2. A.W. Tozer famously said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." With that said, what are some common misconceptions about God? What are some of the reasons for these misconceptions?
3. Why is it true that what we believe about God shapes how we live? Give some examples of how this can be true when it comes to interacting with others or facing various trials.
4. Today's passage is full of foundational truths about God. In them, we see that God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. When are you most likely to struggle to believe any of these characteristics of God? Why is growing deeper in the knowledge of God's love a lifelong journey?
5. In verse 7, we're told that God "revealed" His character to Moses and the people of Israel. Give some examples of this from the Old Testament. Why do we learn more about God's character in the pit than at the pinnacle?
6. In verses 9-10, David lists four acts of God that result from His being merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Identify these acts and discuss how/why we're tempted to lean in the opposite direction when grieved.
7. On our own, we stand rightfully convicted of our sin and fully deserving of its punishment (Romans 6:23). But God, in His rich mercy, made a way for us to be saved (Romans 5:8-11). His love extends as high as the heavens (Ps. 103:11). And He doesn't just forgive; He hurls our sins into the ocean's depths (Ps. 103:12). What do these immeasurable distances communicate regarding God's love and mercy toward us? Why should we continually meditate on these truths (Psalm 119:90-93)?
8. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on applying in your life this week?