



Trans-form Notes

IMAGES OF GOD Thinking Rightly About God

Reflect: (Spend time with God thinking about these statements or questions)

- ❖ Take some time to read and meditate on Romans 1:21-23.

Interact: (Discuss the following questions with your group, some friends, or just you and God)

- ❖ Spend some time, sharing with each other some of the images you have of God i.e. Love, compassion, judge, righteous, etc. Explain your images and share some that you may struggle with.
- ❖ **Psalm 50:21** *These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face.* How have we as Americans shaped God into our image? How have you personally, shaped God into your own image?
- ❖ Glyn read from Ezekiel 1:26-28. He pointed out how Ezekiel used language of “approximation”. Read the passage and Job 11:7-8. Why is it important to not “nail down” God to one description? Why does he tell Moses his name is, “I Am who I Am or I Am who I will be”? What is the danger of fully understanding who God is? What is the benefit in the otherness and mystery of God?
- ❖ Glyn spoke of three ways God chooses to disclose himself: Jesus, The Bible, and His creation. Describe how God has revealed himself in these three areas to you? How has His revelations changed the way you live? As part of God’s creation, how can you reveal God?
- ❖ How have you overemphasized certain characteristics of God while marginalizing or forgetting another characteristic?
- ❖ What can we/you do to help ourselves/yourself to understand God more rightly?

- ❖ Spend some time discussing/wrestling with certain paradoxes in the characteristics of God. Like God is love, compassion, forgiving, etc. vs. God is judge, righteous, condemning, and wrath.

Apply: (Look for ways to apply at least one concept to your life)

- ❖ Take time this week and read one of the Gospels and underline or write down what characteristics of God are revealed in the person of Jesus. Try to take note of everything from how he interacts and responds to people and whom he interacts with.
- ❖ Read a Psalm a day and write down what characteristics of God are revealed. Spend time in prayer listening to what God wants to reveal about himself to you.