

DEEP DIVE

WEEK OF June 24 – June 30 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to experience Christ together.

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. This week we tackled week one of a two-part study of Psalm 145:8-9. We used this week to begin answering the question, “what do these verses tell us about God?” The first thing Pastor Vance pointed out was the use of God’s divine name: Yahweh.
 - a. **What does it mean that God has a name?**
 - b. **How does that affect our ability to know him?**
2. The first point Pastor Vance taught concerning God’s name was, “God IS.” Out of this we learned that God has always been, there was never a time God was not. Charles Ryrie said, *“The attribute of eternity means that God exists endlessly. His existence extends endlessly backward and forward.”*
 - a. **Why in Exodus 3:14 did God make the statement, “I AM WHO I AM”?**
 - b. **We learned from this point that God is never surprised. What are the implications of this reality for us today?**
3. The second attribute we learned about God from his name was, “God is Unchanging.” God’s name, “Yahweh” can literally be translated, “He who is.” Pastor Vance shared this powerful quote by Millard J. Erickson, “What we are dealing with here is the dependability of God. He will be the same tomorrow as He is today. He will act as He promised.”
 - a. **“God is always God,” How does that practically impact our circumstances?**
 - b. **How should this truth influence our relationship with Him?**
4. Finally, Pastor Vance taught, “God is Gracious.” This was one of five attributes we read about out of Psalm 145:8-9. We learned that this word gracious is only ever used in the Bible to describe God himself. Pastor Vance gave us a life application of, “God always gives us more than we deserve.”
 - a. **How does the testimony of the people of Israel and Moses at Mount Sinai depict God’s graciousness towards us?**
 - b. **How does Jesus’ name and the gospel relate to this reality of grace?**

DON'T FORGET! We are memorizing the entire 145th Psalm. Spend this week memorizing verses 8-9 as a small group as well as in your God Time daily. We'll see how you do next Sunday! ☺