

Basic Theology
What Is God Like?

Discussion A (at tables):

Read aloud Deuteronomy 6:4. What basic truth does this verse teach about God?

Look up and compare the following verses. How do these verses agree with Deuteronomy 6:4?

Romans 3:30a

1 Timothy 2:5

James 2:19

What do these verses add to what you have found so far?

Deuteronomy 4:35

Isaiah 45:5-6

Put what you have found into a simple answer to our main question:

God is _____.

Discussion B (together):

Read aloud Matthew 28:19.

What from this verse agrees with the answer you came up with above?

What sounds different?

Read Genesis 6:5-8. Write down any verbs (action words) that the LORD does, thinks, or feels.

Read John 1:1. This verse makes three statements about the Word. Write them below:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Which of these statements shows how the Word and God are *one*?

Which of these statements shows something *different* between the Word and God?

Read John 1:18.

What in this verse speaks to the unity of God?

What speaks to distinctions?

Read John 16:7-15. Write down any verbs that the Holy Spirit does, thinks, or feels.

Put what you have found into a simple answer to our main question:

God is _____.

Discussion C (at tables):

Compare Genesis 1:1 and Malachi 2:10.

What do these verses together confirm about the Father?

Compare Isaiah 6:5 and John 12:41.

Whom did Isaiah say he had seen in Isaiah 6:5?

Whom did John say Isaiah had seen in John 12:41 (check surrounding verses carefully)?

What do these verses together confirm about the Son?

Compare Acts 5:3 and 5:4

Whom did Peter say Ananias had lied to in verse 3?

Whom did Peter say Ananias had lied to in verse 4?

What do these verses together confirm about the Spirit?

Put what you have found into a simple answer to our main question:

Each _____ is _____.

Summary: Put the three answers together into one complete answer to our main question.

For further reflection: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 3:16-17; Romans 8:1-11; 2 Corinthians 13:14