



WEEK 4

What does GOD
look like?

Icebreaker Question

If someone were to look at the last 100 pictures taken of you, what would be one big thing they would learn about you? (sort of imagine if all your photos were put in an album or on Instagram and someone were to scroll through all of them; what would they learn)

Watch the Sermon Short Video Clip

Key Teaching Points & Scriptures

John 1 (NIV)

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) **16** Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

When I look at Jesus, I see a portrait of God who...

- loves boundlessly
- forgives freely
- acts purely
- judges rightly
- lives sacrificially

Exodus 34 (NIV)

6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, **7** maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

Jesus is YAHWEH with skin!

God is merciful. And God is just.

"YAHWEH is forgiving, but sin is not." (John Mark Comer in *God Has a Name*.)

John 13 (NIV)

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

NEXT STEP:

Love like Jesus.

Discussion Questions

What is your biggest takeaway from today's teaching?

Of all the traits that you learned about God today, which one is most difficult to grasp and why?

Of all the traits that you learned about God today, which one excites you and inspires you the most and why?

This is a pretty personal question. In what way have you personally experienced the consequences of sin?

What is the most powerful example you can think of right now of God's mercy in your life?

What is something you need God to help you change in your life so that you can love more like Jesus?

What is the most important thing we can be praying for you about this week?

Pray

The more we get to know Yahweh, it's overwhelming. Our God is so loving and merciful, yet so just and right and good. When we look at Jesus, we see Him. Jesus is the greatest revelation of God we have. So as you close your time in prayer together, ask Yahweh for these things...

- mercy and forgiveness for our sins
- strength to offer mercy and forgiveness to others
- guidance to love others like He has loved us
- help to know Him, believe in Him, and walk with Him BETTER!