



## WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### Week 2 Jehovah/Yahweh

Welcome to our Discussion Guide - designed to help you think more deeply about the sermon topic as you engage with others through thoughtful conversation, biblical exploration and real-life application.

#### ➤ KEY PASSAGES

Genesis 2:4, Exodus 3: 13-15, Exodus 6: 2-3, Exodus 34:5-7, Psalm 8:1, Luke 6:46, Matthew 7:21, Romans 10:9-10, Isaiah 50: 10, Psalm 8, Psalm 100, 1 Peter 3:15, Philippians 2: 9-11

#### ➤ QUICK REVIEW

The first place we see God referred to as Jehovah is in Genesis 2:4 where it is translated as **LORD** and linked to Elohim which we studied last week.

**Genesis 2:4** *“This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD (Yahweh) God (Elohim) made the earth and the heavens.”*

LORD is more than just a word, more than just a proper name, it indicates relationship. The most common and the most important name for God in the Old Testament is a name that in our English versions never even gets translated. Whenever you see the word LORD in all capital letters, you know that this name is behind it. In Hebrew, the name had four letters — *YHWH* — and may have been pronounced something like *Yahweh*. The

Jewish people came to regard this word with such reverence that they would never say it out loud for fear that they would take the name in vain. So whenever they came to this name in their reading, they pronounced the word *adonai* which means *my lord*. The English versions have basically followed the same pattern. They translate the proper name Yahweh with the word LORD.

#### ➤ CONVERSATION STARTERS

**Where did you see God at work in your life this week?**

#### ➤ EXPLORATION

**Exodus 6:2-3** *“God also said to Moses, ‘I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD (Jehovah) I did not make myself fully known to them.’”*

“Although Jehovah was used as early as Genesis 2:4, it wasn’t until this revelation to Moses that they understood that this name went with His covenant promise to His people.”

~Kay Arthur ‘Lord I Want To Know You’

**Read Exodus 34:5-7** aloud, notice how many times the word LORD is used.

Last week we saw that the New Testament gives further revelation, connecting the dots between Jesus and the Old Testament name for God Elohim. The same is true for Jehovah / Yahweh.

Jesus uses the name LORD 355 times as he refers to God.

In Revelation 19:16, Jesus is referred to as “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS..”

**Imagine yourself sitting across the dinner table from Jesus, what expression is on his face as he looks at you?**

In the book of John we see Jesus refer to himself in the following ways:

Jesus’ “I Am” Statements (From Book of John)

- I Am the bread of life: provision
- I Am the light of the world
- I Am the door
- I Am the good shepherd
- I Am the resurrection and the life
- I Am the way, the truth, and the life
- I Am the vine

**Which of these powerful names for Jesus stand out to you and why?**

Read Luke 6:46 and Matthew 7:21

**How do these verses influence how you live your life?**

Jesus is giving us an invitation to an ongoing relationship. Salvation is the beginning, but it’s just the beginning.

## **God is Holy**

Read the following verse aloud slowly: Isaiah 50:10.

Notice how this points out the following postures toward God:

- Fear the LORD = have reverence, awe
- Obey the word = hear, understand, yield
- Trust in the LORD = have confidence, be bold, be secure

- Rely on God = lean on, trust in, rest on

These verses remind us that the LORD has a right to expect obedience.

## **God is to be Praised**

Read Psalm 100 out loud together.

**Share about a time when you were overwhelmed by the greatness of God**

God Invites us to allow Him to be:

- LORD of our life
- LORD of our decisions
- LORD of our time
- LORD of our money

**Which of these is the most challenging for you and why?**

## **God is Eternal**

Philippians 2:9-11

**“Jesus Christ Is Lord!”**

### **➤ TAKE AWAY**

Understanding that God is Jehovah / Yahweh - the God who “is”. The God of everything and every possible situation can bring us great comfort. But it also reminds us of our responsibility to live our lives in holy reverence of our amazing God!

This week, take some time to pay attention to the way you make decisions. Are your daily decisions in line with your faith and trust in Jehovah? If adjustments need to be made, simply ask God for his guidance, direction and help as you seek to honor him with your whole life!

**Take some time to pray together, asking God to open your eyes to how he is at work in your life.**