

**Weekend Message Questions**  
**The Trinity | Week 1: God the Father**  
**Speaker: Broc Jahnke, Lead Care Pastor**  
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**CHECK-IN:**

- What's a song that perfectly captured how you felt during a difficult season of your life? What was going on at the time?
- If you had to describe your current view of God in one word, what would it be — and has that word changed over the years?

**READ: Exodus 34:4–7a**

**DISCUSS:**

- Broc described several distorted views of God he carried over the years, a distant God, a cosmic Santa Claus, a brutal punisher, a God you can manipulate. Which of those have you believed at some point, and where do you think that picture came from?
- The passage from Exodus is God literally describing himself to Moses. Which of the attributes listed here — compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love, faithful feels hardest for you to personally receive right now? Why?

**READ: Psalm 139:1–5**

**DISCUSS:**

- The psalmist describes a God who is completely familiar with every detail of your life. Does that feel like comfort to you or something else? What shapes your reaction to being fully known?
- Broc talked about our view of God having real, practical consequences for how we live. Can you think of a time when a limited or distorted view of God led you to respond to a situation in a way you later regretted?

**READ: Psalm 145:3–9, 14–18**

**DISCUSS:**

- Psalm 145 describes a God who is simultaneously transcendent (beyond all comprehension) and immanent (near to all who call on him). Which side of that equation do you tend to lean toward in your daily life, a God who is far away or a God who is right here? How does that affect your prayer life?
- Martin Luther talked about the danger of “navel gazing” getting so locked into our own circumstances that we lose perspective. Where in your life right now do you need to lift your eyes up and fix them on who God actually is?

**READ: Hebrews 1:10–12**

**DISCUSS:**

- One of the attributes Broc highlighted is that God is unchanging, constant and eternal while everything else shifts and fades. What does it mean practically for you that the God who shows up in these passages is the same God you're dealing with today?
- The early church developed creeds like the Apostles' Creed to anchor people in sound theology when false and harmful teachings were spreading. Why do you think what we believe about God matters so much, not just as head knowledge, but for how we actually live?

## **APPLY**

- This week, take some time to make a list of the attributes and characteristics of God, not as a theology exercise, but as an act of worship. Write them down. Sit with them. Let the list move from your head to your heart.
- Then ask yourself: which of these attributes do I most need to receive right now? Spend intentional time in prayer meditating on that one attribute and what it means for whatever you're walking through.
- As Broc said: a solid understanding of who the Father is will carry you through, whether your circumstances change or they don't.

## **PRAYER TIME**

Share prayer requests related to:

- distorted or incomplete views of God you're working through
- difficult seasons where it's been hard to see God clearly
- physical or emotional circumstances that have affected your faith
- a desire to know God more fully and reflect his image to the world

Pray that each person in your group would encounter the true character of God this week, and that a deeper, more grounded view of who He is would bring real hope and peace into whatever they're facing.

Need prayer outside of the group? [Submit a request here.](#)