

Identity Theft: Who is God?

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To understand who we are, know our identity, we must first understand who God is. Moses asked God to reveal Himself. In Exodus 34:6-7, we find God's answer.

I AM THAT I AM

"GOD passed in front of him and called out, 'GOD, GOD, a God of mercy and grace, endlessly patient—so much love, so deeply true—loyal in love for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion, and sin. Still, he doesn't ignore sin. He holds sons and grandsons responsible for a father's sins to the third and even fourth generation." Exodus 34:6-7 (MSG)

- 1. Why is it important to know who God is in order to know who you are?
- 2. As you read these verses, what description of God stands out to you?

I am a God of MERCY and GRACE

"He showed Moses how he went about his work, opened up his plans to all Israel. God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love." Psalm 103.7-8

- 3. What does it mean to you the God is sheer mercy?
- 4. What does it mean to you that God is grace?

I am a God who is ENDLESSLY PATIENT, LOVING, FAITHFUL and LOYAL

"God, it seems you've been our home forever; long before the mountains were born, Long before you brought earth itself to birth, from 'once upon a time' to 'kingdom come'—you are God." Psalm 90:1-2 (MSG)

- 5. If God is endlessly patient, how does that affect your relationship with Him? With others?
- 6. Give a personal example of your experience with God's faithfulness.

I am a God who is FORGIVING and JUST

"God, slow to get angry and huge in loyal love, forgiving iniquity and rebellion and sin; Still, never just whitewashing sin. But extending the fallout of parents' sins to children into the third, even the fourth generation." Numbers 14:18 (MSG)

- 7. How have you experienced God's forgiveness?
- 8. How have you experienced God's justice?

Understanding the true identity of God leads to worship of God.

"At once, Moses fell to the ground and worshiped, saying, 'Please, O Master, if you see anything good in me, please Master, travel with us, hard-headed as these people are. Forgive our iniquity and sin. Own us, possess us." Exodus 34:8-9 (MSG)

- 9. Why does knowing God as He truly is lead a person to worship?
- 10. What other areas of our life should be affected when we know God as He truly is?