

Portrait Of The Father: The Attributes of God

Session 2: Power



Recap:

God wants to be known

Our God is a Triune God: three-in-one

The expression of the Trinity: The Father, The Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit

Each person of the Trinity is equally God, but differs in role

The Trinity is strong evidence of God's desire to be known

Discussion questions:

How much power do you have? How do you measure power?

What are some things that you don't have the power to do that you wish you did?

Which aspects of God's power are especially amazing and/or difficult to comprehend?

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Power = ability to do or act; capability of doing or accomplishing something.

The power of God is described in various ways in Scripture. Over the years, the church has relied on three words which summarize most aspects of God's power. They each begin with the prefix "omni" which means "all."

Omniscience – God is _____; there's nothing He doesn't know.

Omnipresence – God is _____; there's no place He doesn't dwell.

Omnipotence – God is _____; there's nothing He can't do.

Scripture refers to these characteristics repeatedly. Some examples:

Omniscience:

Psalms 139 – He knew us better than we know ourselves

Isaiah 46:8-10 – He knows "the end from the beginning"

John 1:47-48, John 4:17-18 – Jesus knows our hearts

Omnipresence:

Isaiah 57:15 – He "inhabits eternity"

Jeremiah 23:23-24 – He is both far away and near

Colossians 1:15-20 – All things hold together in Christ

Omnipotence:

Numbers 11:21-23 – His "arm" is strong enough to meet our needs

Job 40-42 – His power is on display in every aspect of creation

Jesus' Miracles – Jesus had the power to change our physical and spiritual condition

Things to consider about God's power:

He chooses _____ and _____ to use His power. _____.

We don't always see the _____ of God's power _____.

We can _____ in God's power (2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 3:20).