

## **Week 2 - God the Creator**

***Intro Question 1 - What adjectives come to your mind when you think about God?***

We could give all sorts of great answers to this question. The answers we give are some of the most important truths we can know. Understanding who God is is essential to knowing who we are and what our purpose in life is.

***Question 1 - What are some implications of God being the Creator of everything?***

God's authority should humble us and help us realize that we are accountable to someone else and must submit to a standard not made by ourselves. God owns everything so all of our lives ought to be live for His glory. He also knows better than us how life works and can give us instructions to how to find true joy and hope in life.

***Question 2 - What are some unhealthy ways people may think of God that will confuse their understanding of the gospel?***

This discussion could go many different ways but one way we are going to hear about next is that people emphasize one aspect of who God is at the expense of other attributes. For example, they emphasize His love but they use His love to deny His justice and righteousness.

***Question 3 - Exodus 34:6-7 teaches clearly that God does not leave the guilty unpunished. How does this fit the idea of a God who is loving and merciful?***

Love and justice are not opposed to one another. Consider a God who does not punish evil. Would He be loving toward all the people who have been hurt by the evil acts of the world? However, it is only through Jesus that we can understand how sinners can be shown mercy without sin going unpunished.

***Question 4 - How does it make you feel to know that God will not let sin go unpunished?***

This should humble us and show us that we need someone to take our sin away or we will have to be punished for it. This can also be a comfort for us because we know that God is not going to act unjustly. A world of justice is better than chaos without any sense of sin or judgment.