

# Theological Foundations for Leadership (TFL)

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## Lesson #2 — “Knowing God”

### INTRODUCTION.

#### I. THE GOD OF THE BIBLE

1. Revelation vs. discovery
2. The danger of syncretism

#### II. THE VASTNESS OF GOD (DEUTERONOMY 29:29)

1. An infinite God
  - (1) Revelation
  - (2) Mystery
2. Finite man
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. THE TRI-UNITY OF GOD (DEUTERONOMY 6:4; EPHESIANS 1:3-14)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God
2. \_\_\_\_\_ persons
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in power and glory

#### IV. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

1. God’s self-existence (John 1:1-5) — God has no \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God’s omnipotence / sovereignty (Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28) — God is in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God’s omnipresence (Ps. 139:7-10) — God is always present \_\_\_\_\_, equally.
4. God’s omniscience (Rom. 11:33-36) — God \_\_\_\_\_ everything.
5. God’s holiness (Isaiah 6:1-13) - 2 aspects
  - (1) Set apart / otherness
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
6. God’s justice - (Rom. 1, 3) — “Justice is doing right; \_\_\_\_\_ a person what he is due”
7. God’s mercy (Eph. 2:4) — “\_\_\_\_\_ giving to someone what he is due.”
8. God’s love (1 John 4:7-11) — To love is to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. God’s glory (Ps. 19:1; 24:7-10) — Glory is weight, substance, beauty and/or worth. To glorify is to magnify, or \_\_\_\_\_ of the object of glory.

## V. THE WORKS OF GOD

1. Creation (Gen. 1; Col. 1; Heb. 1)
  - (1) God created the material world “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - (2) The physical universe displays intelligent \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (3) What about evolution?
2. Providence (Eph. 1:11; Acts 2:22-24) — God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all people and events.”
  - (1) Providence is \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Providence is to be distinguished from impersonal concepts such as “luck” and/or coincidence.
3. Redemption (Gal. 3; Eph. 1; Mt. 1:19-21) — God \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Religion says that we are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ works.
  - (2) The gospel says that we are saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

## VI. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discuss this statement: “We are all natural born syncretists.” How will this impact how you learn, lead and teach?
2. What does
3. Is the sovereignty and omniscience of God a comforting and hopeful thing for you, or a frightening thing? Explain.
4. How can God be both just and merciful? How has this been demonstrated?

## CONCLUSION.

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### **Bibliography of Essential Recommended Resources**

*Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, R.C. Sproul

*Concise Theology*, J.I. Packer

*The Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms*

*Manual of Christian Doctrine*, Louis Berkhof

*Salvation Belongs to the Lord*, John Frame

*Foundations of the Christian Faith*, James Boice

*Institutes of the Christian Religion*, John Calvin

*Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem

*Knowing God*, J.I. Packer

*Doctrine*, Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears