



NAMES OF GOD – PART 1: INFINITE AND INTIMATE

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **I Believe** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **His Name Is Jesus** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Your Name** (*New Life Worship*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Isaiah 26:8, 40:28
- Psalm 9:10, 100:1-5
- Genesis 24:3
- Jeremiah 10:6

OPENING DISCUSSION

Share the story behind your name. Do you know why you were given that name? What does it mean to you?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God's names communicate both His personality/character and His authority/power.
2. The two foundational names of God are Yahweh (personal name) and Elohim (title/rank).
3. God invites us to come to Him to get what we need (Elohim) and to know Him personally (Yahweh).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding the meaning behind God's names deepen your relationship with Him?
2. The sermon mentions that if God was powerful but not good, He'd be a tyrant, and if He was good but not powerful, He'd be a pushover. How does knowing God as both all-powerful and all-good impact your trust in Him?
3. In what areas of your life do you find yourself seeking fulfillment or security from sources other than God? How can recognizing God as Elohim (All-Sufficient One) change your perspective?
4. Pastor Brian mentioned several ways we still "bow down" to modern-day idols. Which of these resonated with you the most and why?
5. How does the concept of Yahweh being as close as our breath change the way you think about God's presence in your daily life?
6. Reflect on the various names of Yahweh mentioned in the sermon (e.g., Yahweh Yireh, Yahweh Rapha). Which one speaks to you most right now and why?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. This week, choose one name of God to focus on each day. Reflect on how that aspect of God's character applies to your current circumstances.
2. Practice "breath prayers" by saying "Yah" as you inhale and "weh" as you exhale, reminding yourself of God's constant presence.
3. Identify one area in your life where you've been relying on something other than God. Make a conscious effort to turn to Him instead, acknowledging Him as your All-Sufficient One.
4. Memorize Isaiah 26:8 or Psalm 9:10 this week, meditating on the importance of knowing God's name.

CLOSING PRAYER

Use Psalm 100 as a guide for group prayer, focusing on praising God for His goodness, faithfulness, and intimate involvement in our lives.