

Series: The God I Wish You Knew

Sermon: Yahweh

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1. Which word best describes how you feel about God?

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| A. Fear | D. Wonder |
| B. Awe | E. Reverent |
| C. Mean | F. Distant |

2. If you had to describe God, how would you describe Him?

3. Do you know anyone who considers themselves an atheist? If they do not believe in God, what do they believe in?

4. What are the positives to not believing in God? What are the negatives?

5. What are some weird things people think about God?

6. For people who do not believe in God, which image do you think people have of God?

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| A. The Force | D. A Grandfather |
| B. A Grumpy Old Man | E. An Absentee Father |
| C. Everything is God | |

6. Read Psalm 139:1-12. What do you learn about God from this passage?

7. When have you doubted God? Why did you doubt?

8. Read aloud this description of God.

My God has always been. Before the universe was created, he already is. And long after this universe has been forgotten, he still will be – undiminished. Do you know him?

He's the King. He's the King of heaven, and he's the king of earth. He's the king of those who bend their knees, and he's the king of those who don't. He's the king of the powerless, and the king of those who think they are powerful. He's the King of kings, and the Lord of Lords. I wonder if you know him. Don't try to mislead me. Do you know the real God?

David says the heavens declare his glory, and the earth displays his handiwork. Awesome immensity, spectacular beauty, unimaginable intricacy, spoken into existence by his Word, and sustained every day by his power.

A God without limits. There is no way to measure his days; no calendar can mark his beginning, or his end. There is no way to measure his size; no telescope can reach to where he is not. There is no way to measure his power; there is nothing doable that God cannot do. There is no way to measure his boundless mercy and his inexhaustible love. Do you know him?

He is enduringly strong, entirely sincere, and eternally steadfast – he is immutable. He is imperially powerful and impartially merciful. He stands alone in himself – transcendent. He is perfectly honest and perfectly pure. He is the grandest idea in literature, the preeminent question in philosophy, the supreme puzzle in science. He is the only answer to the hole in our hearts.

He is the superlative of everything good you choose to call him. He is the only one who can supply all our needs simultaneously. He gives strength to the weak, wisdom to the confused, healing to the broken, steadiness to the tempted, forgiveness to the fallen. He sympathizes and he saves. He delivers the captives, defends the feeble, blesses the young, and sustains the old. He rewards the diligent, and he beautifies the gentle. That's the real God. Do you know him?

His mind is infinitely above our minds, his ways are infinitely above our ways, and yet he is the wellspring of wisdom, the doorway to deliverance, and the pathway to peace. He is the roadway of righteousness, and the highway of holiness. He is the gateway of glory, the master of the mighty, the overseer of the overcomers. That's the real God I wish you knew.

His promises are sure. His goodness is limitless. His grace is everlasting. His love never changes. His word is enough. His grace is sufficient. His reign is righteous. His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. I wish I could describe him to you . . . but he is indescribable, ineffable. He is incomprehensible, and he is irresistible. That's the real God. Do you know him?

The heavens can't contain him, no man can explain him. You can't get him out of your mind. You can't ignore him. You can't outlive him, and you can't live without him. He has always been, and he always will be. He has no predecessor, and will have no successor. You can't impeach him, and he's not going to resign. That's the real God! That's the real God!

His is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory – all the power, and all the glory – forever . . . and ever . . . and ever . . . and ever. How long is that? Forever and ever and ever and ever . . . And when you get through all of the evers . . . Amen!

9. As a group, spend some time praying specifically in worship and adoration. Go around the circle and challenge each person to pray out loud a sentence telling God how great and awesome He is.