

## Lesson Four – “Theology: Who Is God?”

### Introduction

No assignment is more daunting, no task more demanding, no challenge more overwhelming, than that of seeking to understand the being, nature, character, and attributes of the eternal Creator, who is Himself the ultimate source of all truth (Colossians 2:3).

But what does it *mean* to “know” Him? And how can we possibly attain such knowledge? This tour focuses on what must be our greatest passion and goal.

### Quote Unquote

*What did they say? Fill in the blanks as you watch this presentation.*

1. You and I ought to all be \_\_\_\_\_. –Del Tackett
2. God has not been destroyed. God still exists, but we have cast a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. –R.C. Sproul
3. When Jesus is talking about knowing Him, we’re talking about an \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge,  
an \_\_\_\_\_ understanding, an \_\_\_\_\_ communion. –Del Tackett
4. The highest science...which can engage the attention of a child of God is the name, the  
nature, the person, the doings, and the existence of the great God which he calls his  
\_\_\_\_\_. –Charles Spurgeon
5. Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is \_\_\_\_\_, is a \_\_\_\_\_  
God. –Exodus 34:14
6. When we gaze upon the face of God, we not only begin to know him, but we begin to  
know \_\_\_\_\_. –Del Tackett
7. The two critical questions that we have to address are, first of all, the existence of God,  
and second of all, the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. –R.C. Sproul
8. How many books in the world have had emperors and empires and authorities attempt  
to \_\_\_\_\_ it? –Del Tackett
9. According to the Jesus Seminar, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the words of Jesus were not actually  
spoken by him. –Del Tackett

**Notes or Questions**

*While watching the video, use this space to record your thoughts, any facts you want to remember, questions that arise, etc.*

*"I consider everything a loss compared to knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."  
Philippians 3:8*

### **TRUTH 1 – The Greatest Commandment**

***Nothing in life matters more than knowing and loving God.***

1. How did Jesus describe "eternal life," and what does that say about God's role in our daily existence? Do you like His definition of life, or are there times when you'd rather be left alone?
2. What kind(s) of knowledge does God want us to have of Him? Why? Would you say you are "close" to Him? Explain.
3. Do we live as if relating to Him is more important than anything else we do? Why or why not?

### **TRUTH 2 – Thee and Me**

***Only by relating to God can we discover who we are.***

1. What would you know about yourself and your purpose for living if God had not first revealed Himself to you?
2. How does relating intimately to God help you understand yourself? Your neighbor? Your culture?

*"There is but one only living and true God,  
...the rewarder of them that diligently seek him."  
The Westminster Confession of Faith*

### **TRUTH 3 – The Bible Tells Me So**

***We must study God's Word in order to understand more about His nature and to "gaze into His face."***

1. Why has God's written word always been under intense attack by the world? What are some recent examples you've observed?
2. Do you hunger and thirst for more knowledge of God through studying and obeying the Scriptures—or do you often feel as though you've "been there, done that"? Why? What would you like to do differently?

*"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for  
teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."  
2 Timothy 3:16*

### **Wrap-Up**

Discovering God's holy character cannot help but reveal to us our own fallen nature, so that we are compelled to cry, "Woe is me, for I am undone!" (Isaiah 6:5).

But then, as He raises us out of our despair and shows us who we can be in Him, we are granted the gift of a new name—a whole new understanding of our being, our identity, and our purpose in life with God. The fruit of this experience is personal transformation.

### **What is What?**

*Here's an exercise to try on your own. Draw a line from each term in the first column to its definition in the second column. Terms are found in the lecture or at [mytruthproject.org](http://mytruthproject.org).*

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| 1. El Qanna               | a. To know the only true God, and Jesus whom He sent     |
| 2. Jesus Seminar          | b. "god" is present in everything                        |
| 3. Theism                 | c. scholar who proposed the Documentary Hypothesis       |
| 4. Julius Wellhausen      | d. "There is but one only, living, and true God..."      |
| 5. Eternal life           | e. God created and governs the world of man and nature   |
| 6. Theology               | f. Studying the existence, nature, and attributes of God |
| 7. Deism                  | g. The God who protects His own honor                    |
| 8. Westminster Confession | h. God created the universe but has since left it alone  |
| 9. Pantheism              | i. People who vote on what Christ actually did or said   |

### **Check It Out**

For your reference and further review, here are some of the key Scripture passages that were mentioned in the video you just watched.

Exodus 34:10-17  
Deuteronomy 4:23-24  
Psalm 42:1-2  
Jeremiah 9:23-24  
Hosea 6:6  
Zechariah 8:2  
John 3:16; 4:13-14; 5:24,39-40; 6:27,54; 17:1-3  
2 Corinthians 10:4-5  
Philippians 3:8-10  
Colossians 2:1-3