The Doctrine of God – Term 2 Daily Devotions 2019

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| **Week 1** | **The God who Reveals**  | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Psalm 19 | * What can we learn from God’s creation?
* What is so special about the law of God?
* Why is it so important that we listen to God?
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| Day 2 | Romans 1:18-25 | * What can we learn about God through creation?
* What happens for those who reject God and refuse to see him in creation?
* Why is it so hard for some to see God in creation and not others?
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| Day 3 | Exodus 34:1-9 | * Why did Moses have to make 2 new stone tablets? Ex. 32:19
* What did God say about himself?
* How does reading God’s commands help us?
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| Day 4 | 2 Timothy 3:10-17 | * What is so special about Scripture?
* Why should we continually read God’s Word?
* Do you allow God to work in your life by regularly reading his Word?
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| Day 5 | Hebrews 1 | * In what ways has God spoken?
* What makes Jesus so important?
* Have you thought about how you listen to Jesus?
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| **Week 2** | **God is the Creator** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Genesis 1:1-2:3 | * What is the first thing we can learn about God in the Bible?
* Given that there is an order to how God created, what does this tell you about God and his creation?
* What was so “good” about God’s creation?
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| Day 2 | Genesis 2:4-25 | * If Genesis 1-2 is all about the creation event, what part of the creation does chapter 2 focus on?
* What is the purpose of God giving that one rule?
* Does this chapter give us any clues as to why God created people?
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| Day 3 | Psalm 104 | * How is God still intimately involved in his creation?
* Have you ever sat back and looked in awe at God’s creation?
* How would you answer those who say there cannot be a God because of the evil in creation? (sickness, natural disasters, survival of the fittest, etc.)
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| Day 4 | Acts 17:22-34 | * What is so ironic about some forms of religious practices?
* How much control does God have over his world?
* Who is going to judge the world and why?
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| Day 5 | John 1:1-18 | * If Jesus is the Word and was with God at the beginning, what was he doing?
* Reflect on how amazing it is for the eternal God, who created everything, to become part of his creation.
* Why did Jesus become a man?
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| **Week 3** | **God is Almighty** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Jonah 2 | * Jonah tried to run away from God. Where did Jonah go and did he find any place to hide?
* What does this say about God?
* Do you find this frightening or scary? Why?
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| Day 2 | Psalm 46 | * How is God our strength and refuge?
* Jonah was frightened by God being present everywhere. Why is the psalmist comforted by God’s almighty power?
* How do you rest in God’s almighty power?
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| Day 3 | Genesis 18:1-15 | * God had promised Abraham children through Sarah. Why did they think this was not going to happen?
* What kind of rebuke did the Lord give to Sarah and why?
* When do you find it hard to believe/trust in God?
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| Day 4 | Matthew 19:16-26 | * The rich young man wanted to go to heaven. On whose terms did he want to get there?
* Jesus told the man to sell all his possessions and follow him. What holds you back from following Jesus properly?
* What was the impossible thing that God can do but we cannot?
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| Day 5 | Colossians 1:15-20 | * As Jesus is the creator of all things, what does he have power over and why?
* What did Paul mean when he said, “in him all things hold together”? vs 17
* Jesus’ reconciled all things to God. How did he do this, and what did Paul mean by “all things”?
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| **Week 4** | **God Knows** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Job 28:12-28 | * How did Job compare the value of wisdom?
* Why is God the only one who understands the way to wisdom?
* How are we to gain wisdom?
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| Day 2 | Psalm 139 | * List the ways in which God knew David?
* If God knows everything about David, why would he ask God to “see if there is anything offensive way” in him?
* How does God knowing such intimate details about you make you feel?
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| Day 3 | Hebrews 4:12-13 | * What does God see?
* What does God use to show us the truth about ourselves?
* Are you prepared to know what it is you need to repent of, and then repent of it, before Judgement Day?
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| Day 4 | Matthew 10:26-31 | * Read the context of this passage. What did Jesus say not to be afraid of?
* Is there anything we should fear? Why?
* How is this passage comforting (especially if we still fear something)?
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| Day 5 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 | * How is the wisdom of this world different to God’s wisdom?
* Why is the cross “foolishness” to those who are perishing?
* What is it that we must “rest on”?
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| **Week 5** | **God is Holy** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Exodus 3:1-6 | * Moses goes to look at the not burning bush. Who was it who spoke to Moses from the flaming bush?
* Why was Moses told to not come any closer?
* Why would Moses be so afraid? Was it right for him to be afraid?
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| Day 2 | Isaiah 6:1-7 | * Isaiah got to see a vision of God’s throne room. What aspect of God is the main focus of his vision?
* Being in God’s presence made Isaiah anxious and afraid. What was his problem?
* How is our guilt taken away and our sin atoned for?
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| Day 3 | Psalm 24 | * David called God “the king of glory”. What is so great about this king of glory?
* Who may go up the hill of the Lord? How many people can really go up it?
* If God is sinless and humanity is not, can the king of glory really come in?
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| Day 4 | 1 Peter 1:13-16 | * Part of God’s holiness is that he is pure and sinless. Can we really be holy like God is holy?
* As people who have been saved by Jesus, how should we live like Jesus?
* Whose help will we need in doing this?
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| Day 5 | 1 John 1:5-2:2 | * How is the holiness of God the same as God being “light”?
* How can we not deceive ourselves and check if we are walking in darkness?
* How do we find forgiveness for sin?
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| **Week 6** | **God is King** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Revelation 4 | * Where was John (the writer) taken? What was this a picture of?
* Who was sitting on the centre of the throne? What were all those around the throne doing?
* How do you think the writer wants you to react when you read this passage?
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| Day 2 | Psalm 93 | * What does this psalm say about God’s sovereignty or kingly rule?
* Who praises God as king?
* How can you be like the seas and praise God as your king?
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| Day 3 | Daniel 4:34-37 | * Nebuchadnezzar thought that no one was more powerful than he was (read ch4). How has he changed?
* What did Nebuchadnezzar recognise about God?
* How can we best honour God?
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| Day 4 | Daniel 7 | * Daniel 7 is a vision of Judgement Day. What are all the beast supposed to represent? What do they do?
* A “Son of Man” (Jesus) enters the vision. What does he do? How does he establish his kingdom?
* Have you thought about which kingdom you belong to? How does you life reflect which kingdom you belong to?
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| Day 5 | Revelation 5:6-14 | * In Rev. 4, God was on the throne, who is on the throne in chapter 5?
* What makes this lamb worthy to take the throne and the scrolls for Judgement Day?
* Is Jesus merely our friend or should we see him as more than just a friend? If so, how should we relate to Jesus?
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| **Week 7** | **God is Love** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Deuteronomy 7:6-11 | * What was the basis of God’s relationship with his people?
* What made God’s people “holy”?
* How does promise keeping and love go together?
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| Day 2 | Jeremiah 31:1-6 | * How did God describe the relationship between himself and his people? (vs. 1)
* God promised to build Israel up again. Why?
* How do you use love to build others up?
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| Day 3 | Psalm 136 | * As you read this psalm, does the phrase “His love endures forever” lose or strengthen its meaning?
* How did God show that he was a God of love?
* Do you tell people you love them enough? Do the words mean something or do they fade into the background?
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| Day 4 | John 3:16; Romans 5:8 | * These are 2 famous bible verses. What do they say about God’s love for us?
* How did God show us his love? How important is it to remember that Jesus is also God (2nd person of the Trinity)?
* Notice how God loved us while we were still sinners. How can we also show love to others who still sin?
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| Day 5 | 1 John 4:7-21 | * John says that “God is love”. How does God show that he is love? How has he loved us?
* If we are people who are loved by God, then how are we supposed to live?
* What will you do differently to show others you love them?
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| **Week 8** | **God is Trinity** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Deuteronomy 6:1-5 | * How many Gods do we serve/love/follow?
* There is an old hymn called “Love and Obey”, how does this passage tell God’s OT people to love and obey him?
* How do you love and obey God?
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| Day 2 | Isaiah 44:6-23 | * The first part of this passage is about God, what does it say about him?
* How do idols, and those who make idols, compare to the one true God?
* What kinds of idols do you allow into your life?
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| Day 3 | 1 Corinthians 8:1-6;Colossians 2:9 | * Picking up on last week’s theme of love. What does it say about love, God and a person’s relationship with God?
* Picking up on yesterday’s theme of idols. What is the problem with idols, according to Paul?
* Yet there is one God for us – who is this one God? How is both the Father and Son God in your life?
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| Day 4 | John 16:5-15 | * The Spirit will convict people of things, what are those things?
* What kinds of names does Jesus give the Spirit? How do they help us to understand more about him?
* Whose words will the Spirit speak? Who will he give glory to? (hint: a 2 step process)
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| Day 5 | Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14 | * In whose name did Jesus say the disciples should baptise people? In whose name did Paul “bless” the Corinthians?
* Reflect on how God who is 1 can also be 3. What do you find so hard about this?
* What do you find helpful/reassuring/good about know that God is Trinity?
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| **Week 9** | **God in Relationship with Himself** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Genesis 1:26-28 | * When God spoke of himself, did he speak of himself in the singular or the plural?
* In creating “man” or humanity, did God speak in the singular or the plural?
* How did the jobs that God gave humanity reflect God and how he relates and works?
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| Day 2 | John 14:28-31 | * Why did Jesus do exactly what the Father commanded?
* Previously, Jesus had said, “I and the Father are one.” (Jn. 10.30). How can there be unity if the Father is greater?
* Can you think of relationships in your life filled with love that have hierarchy in them?
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| Day 3 | John 14:15-21 | * There is an order in the relationship of the Trinity. Can you see something of this order in this passage?
* Why did Jesus ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit?
* How do you relate to God in Trinity?
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| Day 4 | Matthew 3:13-17 | * Jesus was baptised by John. This baptism was more than symbolism. Can you see the Trinity in this passage?
* What kind of a relationship do they have?
* Notice what led Jesus into the desert in Matthew 4:1. Reflect on how the Trinity worked while Jesus was on earth.
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| Day 5 | Acts 10:34-38 | * Notice the Trinity at work in Peter’s explanation. Who sent who, and in whose power did they work?
* What was the “good news of peace” Jesus brought?
* How happy are you that God accepts people from every nation?
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| **Week 10** | **God in Relationship with People** | **Reflection Questions** |
| Day 1 | Leviticus 26:1-13 | * God called the people to remain loyal to him. How did he sum up the relationship in vs11-12?
* God saved his people so they could be in relationship with him. How do you relate to God as Saviour?
* What difference does it make to you to know that you are saved for an eternity with God?
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| Day 2 | John 15:1-17 | * Compare how Jesus related to God and how Jesus disciples related to him.
* How are Christians supposed to relate to others? How does this relate to how God relates to us?
* Who is glorified by all this? How can we bring glory?
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| Day 3 | John 14:23-24 | * How does love and obedience define our relationship with God?
* How does the Holy Spirit help us in this relationship? Notice how the Trinity is involved in this.
* How does this passage help comfort and strengthen us in terms of our relationship with God?
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| Day 4 | 1 Peter 1:1-2 | * Peter wrote to God’s elect. Who were God’s elect and how does that apply to us?
* What is the role of each member of the Trinity for the election of God’s people?
* How does this knowledge give you grace and peace?
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| Day 5 | Revelation 21:3-4 | * In eternity, how does God define his relationship with his people?
* What will be the big differences between life now and life in eternity with God?
* How does the knowledge of such a perfect relationship with God give you hope?
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