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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| Day 5 | Hebrews 1 | * In what ways has God spoken? * What makes Jesus so important? * Have you thought about how you listen to Jesus? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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.) |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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”? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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)? |
| 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”? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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) |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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. |
| 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? |
| **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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |
| 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? |