

As we explore who God is in our lives, it's not uncommon for us to start choosing what aspect of God we want to embrace while ignoring or even rejecting others. Eventually, we create God in our own image and we find ourselves worshipping something that isn't the true God. Not only is a god of our own design unhelpful, but it can become dangerous. So who is God? Who does He reveal Himself to be in Scripture? We must understand that first and foremost, our God is transcendent – He is above all ordinary understanding and comprehension!

The devotionals for this series are designed a little bit differently — they are largely reflective and meditative to help us grow in our understanding of who God truly is. Each day will give you a different name of God rooted in Scripture, designed to affirm and expand your understanding of who God is. We challenge you to dig deep into who God is to you — are these names new? Do you know this part of God? What about you needs to change to align with who God is?

To help you in your reflections, use the following questions as a guide:

1. What do you think this name says about who God is?
2. What is familiar to you about this name? What feels unknown, a mystery or undiscovered?
3. What could I do to ensure that my life reflects this part of God?
4. **Family Question:** Have you ever used this name of God as a family? What is your experience and understanding of the name?

Each week will provide a different prayer for you, inspired by the topic for the weekend messages. You can pick up a prayer card with the same prayer on it during weekend services in the Prayer Room.

Throughout the week, continue to come back to this prayer each day:

Almighty God, You are worthy of honor and praise for You created all things. The heavens tell of Your glory, the sky proclaims Your handiwork. I look up to the stars and see Your power, for You have called each one by name! In You all things have come into being, You are my life! May I honor You all the days of my life. Amen

Monday, September 16th

Founder and Perfecter

Romans 12:2

² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Tuesday, September 17th

Beginning of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Wednesday, September 18th

First and Last

Revelation 1:17

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last..."

Thursday, September 19th

The Life

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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Friday, September 20th

Word

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.