

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 does this name teach you about God?
2. What is familiar about this name? What is unfamiliar? What do you desire to learn more?
3. What actions can you take to know God as this name?
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:

Heavenly Father, You are the Good Shepherd and have called me as one of your own. You sacrificed yourself to give me life. Forgive me when I wander from You. Let me hear Your voice so that I may follow where You would lead me. Amen.

Monday, September 23rd

Advocate

1 John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous

Tuesday, September 24th

Deliverer

Romans 11:26-27

*²⁶ And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob";
²⁷ "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

Wednesday, September 25th

Good Shepherd

John 10:11

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Thursday, September 26th

The Righteous One

Acts 7:52

⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

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Friday, September 27th

Mediator

1 Timothy 2:5-6

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.