

## Snapshots: God's Attributes

### Key Scriptures

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless (untraceable) his ways! <sup>34</sup> "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

1 Cor. 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, indirectly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Isaiah 55:7-9 Let the wicked forsake his **way**, And the unrighteous man his **thoughts**; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> "For My **thoughts** are not your **thoughts**, Nor are your **ways** My **ways**," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My **ways** higher than your **ways**, And My **thoughts** than your **thoughts**."

**Key Point:** (Deut 29:29) Even the things that God has revealed to us are incomprehensively deep and rich. Who has known the mind of the Lord or counseled Him?

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What are some of the things you like and dislike about today's "smart technology" (smart phones, watches, cars, A. I. websites etc.)?

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Why do you think God commanded us not to create any image or idol to represent Him? (Exodus 20:1-2)
- What is Romans 11:34 asking and telling us?
- An incommunicable attribute of God is a characteristic that God doesn't share with us and can't share because they are uniquely a part of what it means to be God. Examples given on Sunday were Self-existence, Self=sufficiency, eternity, and simplicity. How many "communicable attributes," (characteristics that God shares with us), can you name?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- What are some common misrepresentations of God that you have heard or encountered?
- Can you give an example of how the following statement is true? "For every distortion that you believe about God, there is a corresponding consequence."
- The book of Job is an example of the knowledge and wisdom of God. What was wrong with the counsel that Job's friends gave him? Why was God so upset with all of them? (Job 38:2)
- Do you think we will ever know God completely, or will it take all of eternity to experience and know Him? (1 Cor 13:12, 1 John 3:2, Isaiah 55:7-9)

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Since there is no wisdom except in God, and we will never fully understand His ways, we must learn to trust Him (Prove 3:5-6) and to ask Him for understanding and wisdom in life (James 1:5) Ask for wisdom this week.

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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