

BE A BRINGER


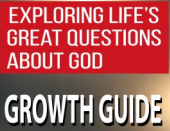
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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What Is God Like?

God is bigger.

The first thing to say is that God is much ‘bigger’ than us in every sense. So we can never completely describe him or understand him. It would be like a slug trying to understand Einstein’s theories to expect us to understand God.

We do know something about God, but we are dependent on him revealing himself to us. He has done that through the Bible and through his Son, Jesus.

The Bible tells us that God is a living Spirit. He is not an impersonal force, but a living being who acts (Psalm 115:3-7). God is personal with his own characteristics. He is Spirit who exists apart from this world and is above and beyond it.

Three distinct persons in one.

Mysteriously but wonderfully, God is Trinity - Father, Son and Spirit. He is three-in-one. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinguishable persons within the Trinity and have different functions, yet they are perfectly united in the being of God. It is true in God’s case that 1 + 1 + 1 = One.

At the heart of the Trinity is love. God is completely self-fulfilled as a person. He didn’t create us because he was lonely or needy in any sense.

God’s character is perfect.

Some things about God only apply to him, other aspects of God we share in as beings who were created in his image.

God is glorious, majestic perfection and utterly different to us in this way. He is infinite, without beginning or end or any limitation at all. He is self-existent, not dependent on anyone for anything. He is consistent and unchanging, so always remains dependably the same as he relates to us.

God is sovereign. He rules over all and is the final cause of all that happens in his universe. He is everywhere and knows everything.

God is holy. He is utterly pure and perfect and therefore utterly against evil, deceit, injustice and wrong doing. Because God is perfectly righteous he judges and punishes all that is wrong.

God is good. He is loving, merciful and compassionate.

God is complex and yet all these characteristics exist together perfectly in harmony. Jesus, the Son of God, reveals God to us perfectly. In him we see compassion as he cares for the lost and needy. We also see his anger against hypocrisy and false religion. We see in his death the very moment when God’s justice against wrongdoing meets God’s mercy for those who need forgiveness.

Source: https://christianity.net.au/questions/what_is_god_like/

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KEY VERSE

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV)

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 6:1-13; I John 1:5-7

God Is Holy

1. What does it mean that God is holy? How is He different than people?
2. How often do you think about God's holiness? What does his holiness mean for you?

Tuesday: I John 4:7-21; Romans 5:8

God Is Love

3. What does it mean that God is love? How is God's capacity to love different than ours?
4. In what ways has God demonstrated His love to you?

Wednesday: Romans 8:26-39; Daniel 4:35

God Is Sovereign

5. What does it mean that God is sovereign? What are his plans for you?
6. In what ways has God shown to you that he has sovereignty in your life?

Thursday: Jeremiah 23:23-34; Proverbs 15:33

God Is Present

7. In what ways is God's presence in our lives great news? In what ways can it be sobering news?
8. Where can you see God's presence in the heavens and the earth?
9. How have you witnessed God's presence in your life?

Friday: Isaiah 40:12-31; Jeremiah 32:27

God Is Powerful

10. Describe God's power based on today's passages.
11. Since nothing is too difficult for God, how does His power encourage you?
12. Which characteristics of God have made the most impact on you this week? Take time to appreciate God and thank Him for who He is.