



What does it mean when we read that God is the Alpha and the Omega, that he always has been and always will be? It's such a strange concept for us as humans, with finite minds, bound by time and space, to wrap our minds around a God who simply *is*: now, before, and forever. And not only has He always been and always will be, He is also all powerful, yet loving and personal. Let's dig a bit deeper and discover more about who God is, and why he is worthy of our worship and obedience.

Read: Genesis 1:1; Revelation 1:8; Hebrews 13:8; Psalm 19:1

What are the first words we read in the entire Bible? How does the beginning shape how you read the rest of the story?

Look up the word "Almighty" in the dictionary. How does this one word describe God?

When we read that God in His 3-part nature (Father, Son, and Spirit) has always been, and is never changing, in what ways does the help you trust Him more?

Read: Psalm 19:1-4; Psalm 148:1-14

We know that not all people choose to acknowledge God. If humans never worshipped Him, where would His praise come from?

How should the utter sovereignty and holiness of God shape the way we see Him? The way we look at the world? The way we live and move in the world? The way we treat others?

Make it personal:

Read 1 John 4:7-10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

You've probably heard the passage in 1 Corinthians read at a wedding, or perhaps you've done the exercise of placing your own name in for the word love to gain an idea of where you might need to grow. However, if we know from 1 John that God *is* love, we can replace the word love with God's name in the 1 Corinthians passage to gain a beautiful picture of God's character.

What surprised you? What is hard for you to accept? Why?

Discuss with your small group or a trusted friend how your perception of God differs from what we've read through in this session. Talk through what has shaped those views and pray for each other's knowledge and understanding of God to run deep, and reflect who He is as we read in scripture.

Take some time to reflect and worship. If it helps, listen to these songs this week to simply let them wash over your spirit, or to help you lift your worship to our holy God (you can do this in a group or on your own)

- <https://youtu.be/0FrhDJa3XCM> (or type in "Revelation Song- Kari Jobe" on YouTube)
- <https://youtu.be/D7HSYv203Co> (or type in "Great I Am- New Life Worship" on YouTube)

Prayer:

Father, you are holy. You are the Almighty. You are worthy. And you are so good. Lord, thank you for allowing us to come into Your presence, and for loving us in spite of ourselves. Help us grasp the magnitude of that gift. Help us see your majesty, be still in your holy presence, and experience the depth of your love. Let those things shape how we live, and move, and love, and may they always lead us to worship.

Amen.

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