

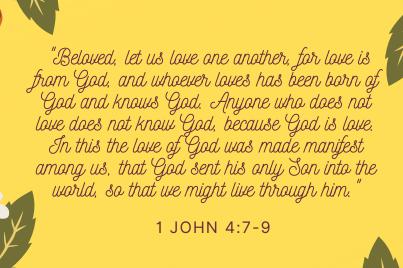
God Most Holy

In her book, Jen Wilkins says, "For the believer wanting to know God's will for her life, the first question to pose in not, 'What should I do?' but 'Who should I be?' In light of this, what are you hoping to experience as we reflect on being made "In His Image" throughout TABLE this year?

Holy is defined as the sum of all moral excellence. It carries the ideas of being set apart, sacred, and separate, of possessing utter purity of character. How should knowing God is holy change the way we live?

Read Romans 12:1-2. What is the link between our thought lives and holiness?

The Bible mentions holy almost 700 times. No other attribute is joined to the name of God with greater frequency than holiness. Why do you think this is and how should it impact our relationships with God and with others?



God Most Loving

What is the world's view of love? Share an example of "earthly love" (eros, philia, or storge).

Reflect on 1 Corinthians 13. When it comes to relationships, how is this love different than earthly love? What about when it comes to those you may categorize as "unlovable"?

In the Great Commandment found in Matthew 22:35-40, Jesus indicates every call to obey hangs on the foundational command to "agape love" God and others. Why is this so important for us to remember as believers?

Is there a specific opportunity that God has placed before you to demonstrate costly love? How do we pray and encourage one another in this?





"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PSALM 100:5



God Most Good

Which everyday aspect of goodness of God do you recognize and savor the most?

Which everyday goodness might you thank Him for that you have perhaps

overlooked

Read Galatians 6:9. In what areas of your life are you most prone to grow weary of doing good? Why is it important to remember that we are not to give up?

As recipients of God's "good and perfect gifts", what are practical ways we can be generous with our possessions, our talents, and our time and in doing so demonstrate God's goodness and glory rather than our own?

Pray Ephesians 2:10 and consider specific ways that you have been set apart to do good works by the power of the Spirit. Share how He is shining His goodness through you in this season of your life.



"But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness."

PSALM 9:7-8



God Most Just

When you hear the phrase "justice is served" what comes to mind?

Read Romans 3:23-24. What are some of the effects we experience when we forget we are justified in Christ?

"As the source of all justice, God holds both the ability and the prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong... God's instrument of his good government is his perfect law, which tells us what is right and what is wrong" (p. 60). How is His perfect law shaping or governing your life right now?

Use Micah 6:8 to guide in a time of prayerfully committing to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."







God Most Merciful

Thinking back on your earlier years of life, describe a time that you experienced mercy (not getting what you deserved) and feeling gratitude.

Read Lamentations 3:22-24. In what ways do you need to experience God's mercy in your daily living?

In what spaces or places do you find it most difficult to extend mercy to others?

Re-read Lamentations 3:22-23 and share a specific way that you can intentionally embrace God's mercies in the days ahead. Use this response to close in prayer.



"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

HEBREWS 4:16



God Most Gracious

What is the first image that comes to mind when you hear the word grace?

Are you more apt to receive grace, extend grace, or neither? Why do you think this is true of you?

How would the world be different without God's grace? What are practical ways to let others know about God's grace?

What amazes you most about God's grace? Use the lyrics from the hymn "Amazing Grace" to close out in prayer by sharing a specific phrase that stands out to you at this time.





PSALM 119:90



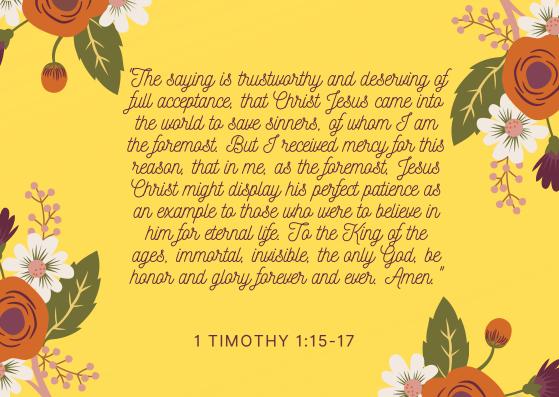
God Most Faithful

What (or who) would you say you are faithful to?

Do you think our world/culture encourages or discourages faithfulness?

What are some examples we see of God's faithfulness throughout Scripture?

What do you think a faithful follower of Jesus should look like? What are some steps you need to take in order to grow in faithfulness?



God Most Patient

In what area of your life are you struggling to demonstrate patience? Is there a particular person with whom you find it more difficult to be patient?

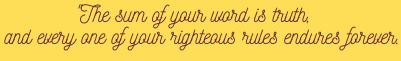
How does your impatience manifest itself? Anger? Annoyance? Sarcasm? Judgment?

Discontentment?

What do you think might be the underlying reason for your impatience: Pride? Control? Comfort? Fear? Selfishness? Distrust?

How has a time of trial produced patience in you in a way you might not otherwise have developed it? Did you gain a new understanding of the patience of Christ through this?





PSALM 119:160





God Most Truthful

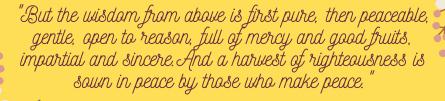
Share a memorable experience about "telling the truth" that has had a lasting impression on your life.

How has moral relativism, meaning "what's right for you may not be right for me", shaped your own thinking? What underlying motives drive us to want to embrace this idea of "living our own truth"?

Read 1 John 1:9-10. How does confession of sin relate to being a person who walks in the truth?

How are you growing in the knowledge of God's Word and to whom is God calling you to share it?





JAMES 3:17-18



God Most Wise

How has God used a moment or season of foolishness to grow wisdom in you as you have matured in your faith?

How would receiving wisdom (like Solomon) alter the current list of requests you are placing before the Lord?

Read James 3:17-18. In what ways have you seen biblical wisdom modeled in another person?

Use James 1:5-7 to share and pray about receiving the wisdom of God at this time.