



KNOWING GOD

God is Immutable

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"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Small Group / Personal Reflection Guide

Theme: *"Unchanging in a Changing World"*

Opening Thought:

In a world where everything shifts — relationships, emotions, politics, culture, even our own hearts — the idea that God **never changes** is both deeply comforting and profoundly grounding. God's immutability means His character, purposes, and promises remain constant.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." — Hebrews 13:8

Part 1: God's Unchanging Nature

Read: James 1:17 (above) &

- **Malachi 3:6** — "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."
- **Hebrews 13:8** — "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Reflect:

- What do these passages reveal about God's character?
- How does God's immutability set Him apart from human beings?
- Why is it essential to our faith that God never changes?

Part 2: Relational Impact — How It Affects Our Walk With God

Discuss:

1. **Trust:**
How does knowing that God's love, justice, and mercy never change affect your trust in Him during difficult or uncertain seasons?
2. **Prayer:**
If God never changes, why do we still pray? How does His constancy shape how we approach Him in prayer?
3. **Assurance:**
How does God's unchanging nature give us security in our salvation, especially when we struggle with doubt or failure?

Part 3: Representing an Unchanging God in a Changing World

Read:

- **2 Corinthians 5:20** — "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us..."

Application Questions:

1. **Consistency:**
In what areas of your life (words, actions, decisions) do you struggle to be consistent in reflecting God's character?
2. **Culture vs. Conviction:**
How do you hold onto God's unchanging truth in a culture that constantly shifts in values and beliefs?
3. **Witness:**
How can our lives serve as a testimony to God's unchanging faithfulness — especially to people who have experienced betrayal, inconsistency, or hurt?
4. **Character:**
What aspect of God's unchanging character do you most need to reflect right now — His patience? Holiness? Mercy? Faithfulness?

Prayer Focus:

Invite group members to pray silently or aloud:

- Thanking God for His unchanging character.
- Asking for a deeper trust in His consistent promises.
- Seeking grace to represent His unchanging love and truth in their lives.

Personal Reflection or Journaling Prompt (Optional):

- *"Lord, where in my life am I being tossed by change or fear? Help me anchor myself in who You are — the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

Challenge for the Week:

Identify one area where you tend to be inconsistent — in faith, behavior, or witness — and ask God to help you become a more steady reflection of His unchanging character. Write it down. Share with someone in your group for accountability if comfortable.