



KNOWING GOD

The Nature of God Displayed at the Cross

Reflection GUIDE

“What do we know about the character of God as we look at the Cross and the sacrifice of Jesus?”

Reflection Guide: The Character of God at the Cross

Opening Question

- When you think of the Cross, what aspect of God’s character first comes to mind? Why?

Scripture Reading

Read *1 Corinthians 1:18–25* and *Romans 5:6–11*.

Discussion / Reflection Sections

1. God is Love — The Motivation of the Cross

- *Romans 5:8; John 3:16*
- Question: How does the Cross help you personally understand God’s love in a deeper way?

2. God is Holy — The Necessity of the Cross

- *Habakkuk 1:13; Hebrews 9:22*
- Question: Why does God’s holiness mean sin cannot be overlooked? How does this deepen your gratitude for Jesus’ sacrifice?

3. God is Sovereign — The Plan of the Cross

- *Acts 2:23; Isaiah 53:10*
- Question: How does knowing the Cross was God’s plan from the beginning give you confidence in God’s control over your life?

4. God is Just — The Demand of the Cross

- *Romans 3:25–26*
- Question: Why is it important that God’s justice was satisfied at the Cross? How would our faith be different if God ignored sin?

5. God is Wise — The Paradox of the Cross

- *1 Corinthians 1:18, 24*
- Question: In what ways does the Cross seem “foolish” to the world but powerful to those who believe?

6. God is Compassionate — The Tenderness of the Cross

- *Luke 23:34*
- Question: What moments of compassion from Jesus at the Cross most move you? How does His compassion shape the way you treat others?

7. God is Immutable — The Constancy of the Cross

- *Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8*
- Question: How does God’s unchanging nature give you hope in a world that constantly shifts?

8. God is Faithful — The Promise of the Cross

- *Deuteronomy 7:9; 2 Timothy 2:13*
- Question: How does the Cross show that God always keeps His promises? What promises of God do you need to hold onto right now?

9. God is Truth — The Reliability of the Cross

- *John 14:6; John 1:14*
- Question: How does the Cross demonstrate the truth of God’s Word? Where do you need to trust God’s truth over your own feelings or culture’s opinions?

10. God Suffers — The Pain of the Cross

- *Isaiah 53:3–4; Hebrews 2:17–18*
- Question: What does it mean to you that God suffers with and for us? How does this change the way you think about your own suffering?

11. God is Gracious and Merciful — The Gift of the Cross (Climax)

- *Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5*
- Question: How have you personally experienced God’s grace and mercy in your life?
- Challenge: What’s one way you can extend that same grace and mercy to someone else this week?

Application

- Which attribute of God revealed at the Cross speaks to you the most right now?
- How does this truth shape the way you will live out your faith this week?

Closing Prayer Suggestion

“Father, thank You for revealing Your heart at the Cross. Help me to see Your love, holiness, sovereignty, justice, wisdom, compassion, immutability, faithfulness, truth, suffering, grace, and mercy more clearly. Let the Cross not only save me, but also transform me to live more like Jesus. Amen.”