



ANSWERS: Unit 1: Who Is God?

Learning to know and love God for who He is—His character, attributes, and being.

Lesson 1 God Is Good

Day One The Good Creation

Action step

Read Psalm 139:7–12 and answer question 1. Ask God to speak to you through these verses:

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:7–12

1. What do you feel God is saying to you through Psalm 139:7–12?

Personal answer. Discipleship team, encourage each other's answers.

Read Psalm 139:13–14 and answer questions 2–4:

For you [God] created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13–14

2. Who created you (v. 13)?

God

3. How have you been made (v. 14a)?

Fearfully and wonderfully.

4. How are God's works described (v. 14b)?

Wonderful or wonderfully.

5. Read Genesis 1:31 and fill in the blanks. All that God had made was very good.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

6. Underline one of the five senses that you value the most: Sight, smell, hearing, taste, or touch.

Personal Answer

7. Name one good thing you enjoy about the sense you underlined in question 6:

Personal Answer

Read Psalm 34:8 and answer questions 8–9:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8
(Refuge is defined as a place of shelter and protection from danger or trouble)

8. Fill in the blanks. Taste and see that the Lord is good (v. 8a).

9. Since God is good, where should we go to seek help and protection?

God

Day Two

The Fall From Good

Read Genesis 2:16–17 and answer questions 10–11:

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” Genesis 2:16–17

10. What was the name of the tree the man and woman were not supposed to eat from (v. 17a)?

Tree of the **knowledge** of **good** and **evil**.

11. What did God say would happen if Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 17b)?

They would certainly die. They would die.

Read Genesis 3:4–7 and answer questions 12–16:

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:4–7

(The serpent is another name for Satan or the devil. Satan was either possessing or appearing as a serpent. See also Revelation 12:7–9, 20:2; John 8:44.

12. What did the serpent (Satan, devil, Lucifer) say to the woman, Eve, about dying (v. 4)?

You will not certainly die. Or you will not die.

Scripture references (underlining added):

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Revelation 12:7–9

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:2

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

13. According to Satan, why did God not want Adam and Eve to eat from this particular tree?

Satan's version: your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

14. Why did the woman disobey God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 6)?

The woman was deceived. She believed Satan's lie. She saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it

15. Did the man disobey God by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 6c)?

Yes No (Underline One)

While Scripture does not tell us why Adam took the fruit from Eve and ate it, one can infer (conclude) that he placed his relationship with his wife above God. He was either afraid of displeasing her, losing her, or negatively impacting their relationship.

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. Genesis 3:17

16. What happened after they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (v. 7)?

The eyes of both were opened, and they realized they were naked

Read James. 1:13–15 and answer questions 17–19:

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. James. 1:13–15

17. Could God ever be tempted or attracted to sin? (v. 13)? Yes No (Underline One)

18. Does God ever tempt or invite anyone to do or be evil (v.13)? Yes No (Underline One)

19. Each person, including you and me, are tempted by our own evil desire (v.14).

Read Ezekiel 28:14–17 and answer questions 20–21:

You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. ¹⁵You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. ¹⁶Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. ¹⁷Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. Ezekiel 28:14–17

20. Satan was a guardian cherub in heaven that was blameless in his ways from the day God created him until *what* was found in him (v. 15)?

Wickedness.

21. What had happened to Satan's heart (v. 17)?

It became proud.

22. Read Psalm 119:71: *It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.* (Afflicted is to be troubled mentally or physically.)

Have you ever experienced a time of pain or trouble and saw good come from it? Yes No (Underline One) If yes, please write a few sentences about it.

Personal Answer

23. Read Isaiah 55:8–9. Are our thoughts and ways as great and wonderful as God's?

Yes No (Underline One)

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
9“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:8–9

24. Read Romans. 9:20. Do human beings have any right to question God or His goodness in creation? Yes No (Underline One)

But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” Romans 9:20

Read Isaiah 14:12–15 and answer questions 25–26:

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” ¹⁵But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit. Isaiah 14:12–15

25. Satan had fallen from heaven and was cast down where (v. 12)?

Earth.

26. Who did Satan want to rule over (vv.13–14)?

God.

27. Satan was brought down to the realm of the dead (v. 15).

—End Day Two—

Day Three
The Rescue

28. Read Genesis 18:25. Does God treat the righteous and the wicked alike? Yes No (Underline One)

Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?
Genesis 18:25

29. Read Psalm 51:5. When do we become sinful?

Conception and birth.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

30. Read Romans 5:12. Who is the one man through which sin entered the world?

Adam.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned— Romans. 5:12

Read Romans 3:22–26 and answer questions 31–34:

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:22–26

31. How do humans become righteous (v. 22a)?

Faith in Jesus Christ.

32. How many people have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (v. 23a)?

All.

33. How many people who place their faith in Jesus Christ will be justified (v. 24)?

All.

Justify is to make righteous. *God is so good*, that He planned a way for humankind to be made righteous. This means inherited sin and all the sins humans commit on earth can be forgiven (Genesis 3:15). He sent His perfect Son to pay the penalty for sin by dying on a cross. *Jesus is so good*, that He *willingly* died on the cross so that we would have our sins forgiven.

34. What did Christ's sacrifice of atonement accomplish for those who believe (vv. 25–26)?

Christ's sacrifice of atonement took away the penalty for sin by shedding His blood. It shows God's righteousness and justice and allows God to forgive and declare righteous those who have faith in Jesus.

35. Read Isaiah 40:11. Who looks after His people like a shepherd?

God.

He (God) tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. Isaiah 40:11 (parentheses added)

Read John 10:11 and answer questions 36–37:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

36. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd

37. What does the good shepherd do?

Lays down his life for the sheep.

Bible references in lesson:

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9–10

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-- not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling . . .
Philippians 2:12

If you are not sure or you have never prayed to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you may pray now:

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Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God and died for my sins. I have not obeyed God and I am truly sorry. Right now, I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my life. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. I want God's plan for my life. I will follow You and obey You in all that I do. Thank You Heavenly Father for saving me and loving me. I love You. Amen.

38. I prayed the above prayer *today* from my heart. I sincerely trust Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

If you trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior after praying above, please let us know so we can rejoice with you. You may either email us at kathleen.skaar7@gmail.com with the month, day, and year of your decision or go to our website, injesussteps.org and locate: “New Decision to Follow Jesus” on the Homepage. Click on “Next Step” and fill out the form.

—End Day Three—

Day Four

The Good Relationship

39. Read Psalm 145:9. The Lord is good to all: he has compassion on all he has made.

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40. Read Romans 8:28–29. According to these verses, God planned in advance for believers to become like whom?

Jesus Christ, God's Son.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
Romans 8:28–29 (Predestine means to decide in advance; predetermine by divine will.)

41. Read 2 Peter 3:9. How many people does God want to repent (turn from sin)?

Everyone or all.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

42. I read Psalm 119:68 and prayed for God to teach me His decrees: Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer, but if you or anyone on the discipleship team answered no, should discuss why.

You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. Psalm 119:68

Read James 1:17 and answer questions 43–44:

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

43. Where does every good and perfect gift come from?

Our Father in heaven. Or the Father of the heavenly lights. God.

44. Does God ever change from being good? Yes No (Underline One)

45. Read Luke. 11:13. Who will your Father in heaven give to you?

The Holy Spirit.

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If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! Luke. 11:13

46. Read and pray Psalm 143:10: "My God, Teach me to do Your will and may Your good and Holy Spirit lead me in the way of righteousness. Amen." I prayed: Yes No (Underline One)

Personal answer, however, if you or anyone in your group did not pray, discuss why.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10

—End Day Four—

Day Five

Why God Allows Evil and Suffering

47. Read about God being all-powerful from a Bible (Isaiah 43:13; Daniel 4:34; Luke 1:37). What do these verses tell you about God?

Summarize a few words about God's power from each verse. Here are suggestions based on each verse:

Isaiah 43:13: **God is all powerful. No one can change or reverse what God acts upon.**

Daniel 4:34: **God lives forever, and His power and authority are forever.**

Luke 1:37: **When God speaks or decrees something, it will be done.**

Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it? Isaiah 43:13

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:34

For no word from God will ever fail. Luke 1:37

48. Read the following verses about God being all-knowing from Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 40:28; and Hebrew 4:13. What did you learn about God?

Summarize a few words about God being all-knowing. Here are suggestions based on each verse:

Psalm 147:5: **There is no limit to God's understanding and knowledge.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. Psalm 147:5

Isaiah 40:28: **God knows so much that no one can even comprehend, understand or grasp His vast knowledge.**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. Isaiah 40:28

Hebrews 4:13: **God knows everything about His creation including all humankind has ever thought or done.**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13

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49. Have you ever felt God did not answer your prayers or protect you from evil? If yes, please share so your discipleship team can pray for you:

Personal answer. The discipleship team should pray for those struggling with unanswered prayer and hurts. Pray for this person, who may be you, to know God is good and the outcome and circumstances of this situation will be used for God's purposes and for the person's good.

50. Are you going through a hard time and feel that God does not care? If yes, please share so your discipleship team can pray for you.

Personal Answer

51. Can you share a difficult time in your life that God has used to help others?

Personal Answer

52. How does Florence Nightingale's story encourage you?

Personal Answer

53. What good work do you think our good God is calling you to do?

Personal answer; encourage one another.

—End Day 5 Answers and Lesson 1—

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