



STUDY GUIDE

MY NAME IS GOD: Week 3 2.23.14

[SET-UP]

What does it say about a relationship or how does it change a relationship when we are invited to call a person by name rather than a title or vague reference (a boss for example, or a first name rather than Mr. or Mrs. or Dr. so and so...) Can you think of a prime example of this from your life?

How does it change our relationship with God when we can call Him by the various names He reveals to us in Scripture rather than just by God?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

The name of God we learned more about this last weekend was Jehovah. It is the English translation of the Hebrew word Yahweh (YHWH). It is the most popular and famous name of God. It is the name used of God most in Scripture (over 6800 times). Jehovah means the “self-existing One”. It is translated into an all caps LORD in our Bibles.

Familiarize yourself with God’s introduction of this name by reading Gen. 2:4 and Exodus 3:13-15

What observations can you draw from the conversation Moses and God had regarding God’s name and it’s significance?

This particular name of God addresses one of the most common questions, “Where did God come from?” If we understand that His name reveals His nature, what does this name of God reveal? A few other verses that are helpful on this are Rev. 1:8 and Isaiah 43:10-12

Read Exodus 6:2-4. Why is it comforting to know that God revealed to His name to those He has made His promises to? Yahweh is God’s covenantal name.

Is Jesus to be considered Jehovah then? What connection does Jesus make Himself as we see in John 8:53-59? Why did the Jews try to kill him after this exchange? What does that tell us?



[LIVING IT OUT]

One of the realizations of God based on His self-revealing name of Jehovah as the self-existing One, is that He is the God of now. He is constant. He is unchanging. He is present. Some only think of God as the One who created in the past or the One they will face in the future. How does that stunt a person's spiritual growth and hinder our relationship with God? How have you experienced God as your God of "now?" As one who is present in your life?

Think about (even write down) a current situation that you are going through. How does that circumstance or situation change in light of the fact that you have Jehovah in your life (assuming you are a follower of Christ)? How does His power and presence alter the way you can deal with this situation?

What are some practical steps for you to trust Jehovah as present and promise-keeping God as you move through each day of your life?

To enhance your intimacy with God and this name, use a Bible concordance (especially an electronic or online version) to look up the word LORD (all caps) to see many of the verses that address Him with this name, especially the Psalms, and as you read or even pray these verses back say "Yahweh" or "Jehovah" in place of LORD to connect with earlier languages and become more familiar with this name of God.