Introduction – What is God like?

- How would you describe God in one sentence to an eight year old?

- What words would "have to be" in your one sentence description of Him?

- What would be the most difficult aspect of explaining to an eight year old what God is like?

- Why is it so important that we see God as He really is?
    - I John 3:2
    - 2 Corinthians 3:18
    - A.W. Tozer, *Knowledge of the Holy,* pg. 1

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A basic guide to help you see God as He longs to be seen:

- **Three facts to consider**

1. God is not _____ _____!
   - Isaiah 40:25-28
   - 2 Samuel 7:22
   - Romans 11:33-36

2. Left to ourselves, we tend to _____ God to_____ _____!
   - Romans 1:21-23
   - Job 38-42:6
   - Exodus 32:1-6

3. God can only be known as He _____ _____ to us!

   Through:

   1. _____ Psalm 19, Romans 1:19-20
   2. _____ John 1:1-4, 5:37-40
   3. _____ John 1:14-18, Hebrews 1:1-3

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- **Three questions to ponder**

1. Is it really possible to completely see God just as He is?

   Answer = _____ and _____!

   - Exodus 33:18-20
   - John 4:24
   - John 14:5-9
   - 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

2. What must I do to see God as He really is?

   Answer = _____ _____!

   - Jeremiah 29:11-13
   - Luke 11:9-13

   How? = Proverbs 2:1-5

3. How do you know if you are seeing God as He is or not?

   Answer = J.I. Packer's four evidences of a real knowledge of God

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Four indicators of "seeing God as He longs to be seen":

Self Evaluation -

1. Those who know God have great energy for God.

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2. Those who know God have great thoughts of God.

   1 ——— 10

3. Those who know God show great boldness for God.

   1 ——— 10

4. Those who know God have great contentment in God.

   1 ——— 10

Practical Application:

1. Look up and study the passages given in the Basic Guide to see God with 20/20 vision.

2. Purchase Tozer's *Knowledge of the Holy* and J.I. Packer's *Knowing God,* and begin reading with chapter one.

3. Meditate for three minutes on "who God really is" each time before you pray this week.

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