

Forms of God (touching on the Spirit)

(About God Series)

Tired of McDoctrine? Come learn the etiquette of a meal with Jesus.

Group Introduction & Icebreaker (*What is your name and your favorite season?*)

Start on time. Distribute the Bible study materials and Bibles. After the icebreaker, begin with prayer.

Southeast Christian Church - Core Belief

God is the creator of the universe, and has eternally existed in three *persons*, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Gen. 1:1, 26, 27, 1 Peter 1:2, Psalms. 90:2

How do you envision God, and in what ways or forms do you imagine Him revealing Himself?

An old man with a beard (father figure on a throne) A bright light or glowing presence

Jesus (human form) A spirit or invisible force A voice from heaven A loving father

A judge (lawgiver, authority figure) Energy or power throughout the universe

Nature (wind, fire, ocean, sky) A feeling (peace, comfort, conviction)

Suggested reading: Read Gen 1-2 then ask GQ, Gen 1:26-27 then ask GQ, Gen 3:8-9 then ask GQ, Ex 3:2-6 then ask GQ, Ex 19:16-19 then ask GQ.

General Questions (GQ)

What forms does God take?

Answer based on the verse

What is a covenant?

It is a relationship between God and His people established through promises and commitments.

What are the 10 commandments? (Suggested reading: Ex 20:1-3)

Core principles that structure the covenant relationship and establish commands within the Jewish Law. They are called the “**words of the covenant**” (Exodus 34:28).

Misconceptions

The Holy Spirit first appears in Acts 2?

Untrue, *but the Spirit is a New Covenant marker*

God has never taken a theophany form?

Untrue, *however Jesus is more than a theophany*

The doctrine of the Trinity dependent on the Council of Nicaea (AD325) and the Council of Constantinople (AD 381) for its defense?

Untrue, *the council depend on the Bible*

Application

Read Rom 8: 9-14

Are you allowing the Spirit of God to lead you?

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. (World English Bible)

1 Thes 5:16-22 Always rejoice. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. ¹⁹ Don't quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Don't despise prophecies. ²¹ Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. (WEB)

Summary: From the beginning, God has revealed Himself in many ways, and our relationship with Him is established through covenant.

Review Question: *What forms can God take, and does He have any limitations?*

Closing Prayer *Lord, we know You are a God able to do more than we can imagine...*