



Leader
**DEVELOPMENT
GROUP**

Session 4
WHO IS GOD?

SESSION 4 | THEOLOGY: WHO IS GOD?

GOAL

Discover how knowing God alters our lives and leadership.

OVERVIEW

Developing these leaders is about encouraging them to be better followers: to run after Jesus with a singleness of purpose that defines their lives and the way they interact with others. **All of the leadership qualities we need to be effective leaders are born out of effective following.** This is true of a small group leader, a workplace manager, and a parent. You can either strain and strive toward effective leading, or you can naturally lead others by being an effective follower of Jesus.

Our best leading will be a by-product of the power of the Holy Spirit working out our gifts and talents in our own lives. Developing leaders is not about churning out cookie cutter figureheads for an army of small groups. Developing leaders is about showing people how to follow Jesus and thereby discover their giftedness, God's love and power and how they can meet the needs around them.

So you must discover **who** you are following. Therefore, knowing God is pivotal to following and to leading. In fact, it is not overstatement that the whole of leadership development hinges on knowing God. Why?

You won't follow Him well if you don't know Him, because you will not trust someone you do not know. You won't follow Him well if you don't know Him, because knowledge of Him and belief in Him are intertwined. You cannot believe something to be true if you don't know it exists.

"The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian Church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him--and of her." A.W. Tozer

CONTENT

Choose one of the following:

- *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A.W. Tozer (chapters 1-11)
- *The Cure by Thrall, McNicol, and Lynch* (chapters 1-3)

AGENDA

1 | Monthly Question • 45 min

- What is one thing this month you are proud of?

2 | Discuss Content • 50 min

- Share and discuss the answers to the book reflection and study questions

3 | Discuss Scripture Reading • 30 min

- Which verses or phrases stood out to you from your reading this month? Why?
- How did you apply them to your life over the past month?

4 | Conclusion • 15 min

- Distribute assignments for Session 5. You can print or share electronically, or both.
- Pray.