

BEHOLD, THE AWE AND WONDER OF THE FATHER

John 1.1-18

WHAT IS THE FATHER LIKE?

When we consider the characteristics of God, we must remember that God has perfect integrity, so His characteristics aren’t compartmentalized aspects of Himself, but they are perfectly integrated.

Isaiah 40:9–40.31

**God’s Life Doesn’t Change:**

- God does not grow older, nor does He grow in power or wisdom.
- He clearly can’t change for the worse, but neither can He for the better.

**God’s Character Doesn’t Change:**

- He cannot become more holy, nor more true.
- His Name is “I AM WHO I AM,” because He always was, and always will be who He is.

**God’s Truth Does Not Change:**

- We say things we regret, and our opinions change.
- But God’s Words are always true, fixed in the heavens.

**God’s Purposes Do Not Change:**

- “The plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.” **Psalm 33.11**
- God does not call audibles or change direction. **Isaiah 46.8-10**

**God’s Majesty Does Not Change:**

- God is personal, but He is also majestic and all powerful.
- Whatever you picture of God, it is too small; nothing is like Him.
- “ ‘To whom will you compare Me, that I may be like him?’ says the Lord.” **Isaiah 40.25**

**God’s Love Does Not Change:**

- It is shown in His choice to create, forgive, and show grace.
- It is shown in His eternal choice to save sinners by sending His own Son.
- His love fuels His wrath, wisdom, plan, ways, etc.

WHAT DOES THE FATHER DO?

As the “head” of the Trinity, it is from God the Father by which all blessings flow. It is to and for His glory by which all things are made, and His glory is the purpose behind even the sending of the Son for our salvation.

**We are not the center point of our own salvation.  
You are saved to put God’s glory on display.**

RECOVERING OUR VIEW OF THE FATHER

Many have a bad view of the Father. Maybe it’s our own earthly father, or maybe we see God as a God that we owe and work for. Yet when we get this previous picture of God’s love, majesty, and purposes, we can be in awe; and it doesn’t stop there.

God the Father did not just design and create all of these plans and works, but as part of His design, and in His wisdom, He decides to let us partake not just of salvation, but in the great joy of being a part of others coming to salvation.

**You have made us for yourself, O Lord,  
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.**

-Augustine

NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we will look more specifically at God the Son. What is His specific role in our salvation and what it means that He is “the Word made flesh.”

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

**2 Corinthians 3:3**

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We’d LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we’d love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you’ve ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You’ll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won’t regret it!

GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns – 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

1. As a recap of last week's message, why is the Trinity necessary for salvation to work? What is God the Father's role in this? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read **John 1:1-18**. What stuck out to you from this verse or from the sermon on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pastor Jobey shared about God's unchanging nature. Can you list some ways God does not change? How can knowing these truths about God change the way we live our lives? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are some of the things the Father does? Read **James 1:17, Ephesians 1:3, John 17:6, 1 Peter 1:18-21, John 5:27, and Philippians 2:9-11**. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Some of us might have an unclear view of the Father, possibly because of our own relationships with our earthly fathers. What did you learn from the sermon to help you recover or deepen your view of your heavenly Father? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Pastor Jobey asked some questions towards the end of his sermon to help us probe our hearts about our attitude and our perception of the Father. Spend some time going through these with one another.

- Do you have a hard time addressing God as "Father"?
- Do you pray primarily to Jesus?
- Do you worship the Father as your Father, not just "simply" as God?
- Do you meditate on the greatness and majesty of God the Father?

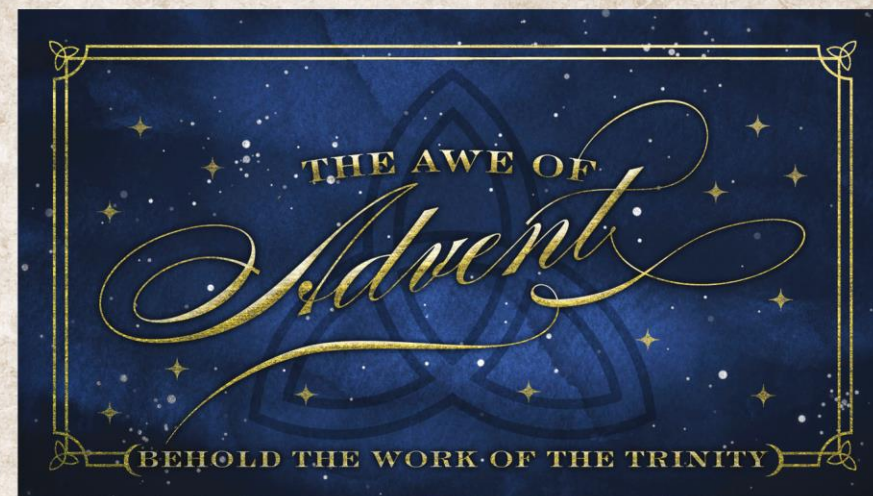
7. Read **Isaiah 55:11**. For the past few weeks, Pastor Jobey and Eric have asked us to think about people who we are going to be reaching out to and extending God's grace to by the generous giving of time and blessing. Share with the group any opportunities that you have had. If not, why? How can we encourage one another with **Isaiah 55:11**? Spend some time in prayer for each other and for the others on the list.



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