



ANCIENT FUTURE- WEEK 1 SEPTEMBER 10 & 13 FACILITATOR

LEADER INFO:

- Please initially reach out to your people by PHONE CALL OR TEXT. Once you meet gather all contact info and discuss best ways to communicate with the group (Facebook page, group text, email).
- If you need personal emails of members please email disciplegroups@coe22.com

-At the bottom of your **Attendance Form** in Connect22 you have 3 options to send your attendance and prayer requests.

1. **Leadership**- this is the main leader(s), assistant leader, and coach if assigned one.
2. **The entire group and leadership**- everyone on the roster
3. **Send to no one**- we still have it saved in the system for our records.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-**Saturated 2015** will be September 16-20. Come as a group! coe22.com/saturated

-The **Before All Things Album** will be on sale starting this week! \$15 for a CD and \$10 on iTunes. Come check out the booths before and after services!

-**Hope's Closet** needs volunteers. Go to coe22.com/serve to sign up.

TEXTS:

Texts: Deuteronomy 6:4, Revelation 3:20, John 15:13-15

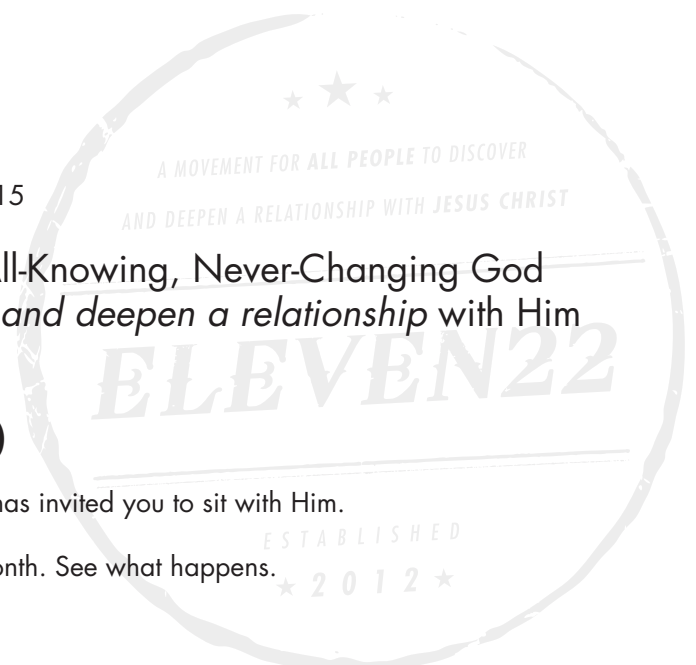
BIG IDEA: The Almighty, Ever-Present, All-Knowing, Never-Changing God of the Universe wants YOU to *discover and deepen a relationship* with Him through Jesus.

ACTION STEP FOLLOW UP (5 MINUTES)

Last Week:

Remember, prayer is talking and listening to God. He has invited you to sit with Him.

Set aside intentional prayer time each week for one month. See what happens.



-Put it on your calendar (Example: Every Tuesday & Thursday on your lunch break for 15 minutes).

-Remove distractions (Turn off phone, go somewhere quiet)

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

1. What did God reveal to you in prayer this week? What are you waiting for Him to reveal to you?

THE RECAP (10 MINUTES)

In the first week of the new series, Ancient Future, Pastor Joby unpacked the beginning of The Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4-15. The Shema was a prayer recited by the Israelites each day multiple times a day and was central to a Jewish's person's life. It was a way to remember who God is and how His people were to live their lives. In the first sentence of the Shema, God is addressed as the one and only Lord of all. Within these words come layers and layers of God's character. God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and immutable. He is the enormous God of all and at the same time, He is the fiercely personal God that surrendered His perfect Son so that we could have life.

QUESTIONS (FROM THE WEEKEND SERMON)

1. Most of us lean towards believing God isn't really into us or that He is simply our pal. Which way do you tend to lean?

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

Facilitator, direct participants to confine discussion to the passage being studied. You can redirect comments back by asking "where does it say that in the passage?"

DISCUSS:

Have someone read Deuteronomy 6:4 out loud.

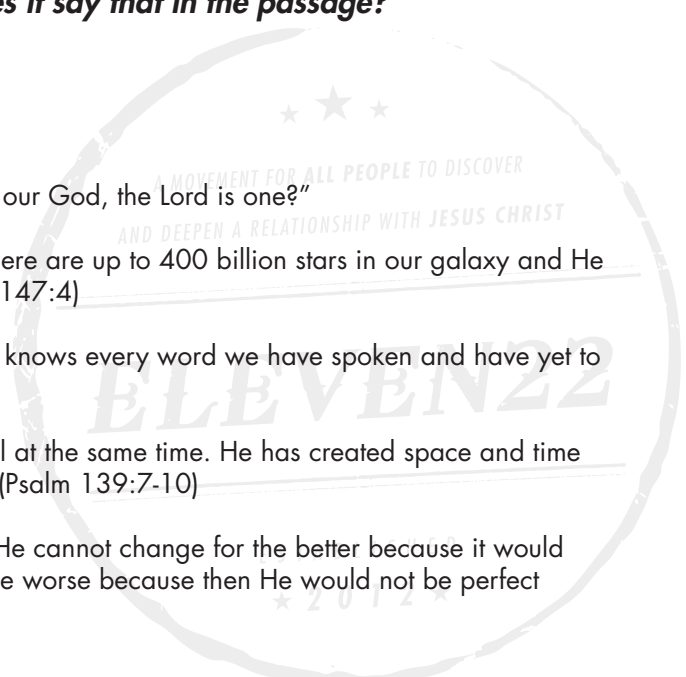
1. What words come to mind when you hear "the Lord our God, the Lord is one?"

God is **Omnipotent**, which means He is all-powerful. There are up to 400 billion stars in our galaxy and He placed them there and knows them all by name (Psalm 147:4)

God is **Omniscient**, which means He is all-knowing. He knows every word we have spoken and have yet to speak (Psalm 139:1-4).

God is **Omnipresent**, which means He is everywhere all at the same time. He has created space and time and those things belong to Him. They do not limit God (Psalm 139:7-10)

God is **Immutable**, which means He does not change. He cannot change for the better because it would mean He was not perfect, and He cannot change for the worse because then He would not be perfect (James 1:17)



2. What part of God's majesty and grandness draws you into Him?
3. How have you seen His infinite power displayed in Creation? How about in your own life?

Have someone read Revelation 3:20 out loud.

4. What would sharing a meal with Jesus look like for you? (Do you think you would be vulnerable to share your heart? Would you sit in reverence?)

Have someone read John 15:13-15 out loud.

5. How have you experienced friendship with God?
6. What stirs your affections for Jesus? (*Is it singing, serving, writing, being in nature, etc?*)

MOMENT OF TRUTH

"God is Infinitely Powerful and Intensely Personal" – Matt Chandler

ACTION STEP:

Take your answer from question 6 and make it a priority to do the things that stir your affections for the Lord.

Pair up with someone from the group and check in on each other this week to encourage intentional time stirring affections for Jesus.



