Sermon-based Growth Group "God Is: Omniscient, Gracious, & Merciful" Questions May 14, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

- 1. What is sin?
 - a. If sin is more than just wrong actions but rebelling against God, why does that necessarily lead to separation from God?
 - b. Who separates from whom?
 - c. How do we fix it?
- 2. What does omniscient mean?
- 3. Does the fact that God knows everything about you comfort you or concern you?
- 4. How can the fact that God knows everything, past, present, and future, be comforting?
 - a. For this to be comforting, why is it important to know that He loves you?
 - b. What is God's purpose in revealing your hidden sin and faults?
- 5. If God already knows what we need, how should that change the way we live?
 - a. What does it mean when we don't seem to be getting what we "need?"
- 6. To whom does God show mercy?
 - a. Since we will struggle in our lives, why is it important to know that God is merciful?
- 7. Grace is the goodness of God to those who deserve punishment. How should we respond to his grace?

- a. How hard is it for you to accept that there is nothing you did or can do to earn salvation?
- b. If we have already been saved and there is nothing we can do to earn it, why be good?