**None Like Him Reading Guide #2**

**Incomprehensible: The God of Infinite Mystery**

*But also, since we are finite creatures, our minds always work from a finite perspective. So we can never understand God fully, because God is infinite. God lives and moves and has His being on an infinite plane, while we live and move and have our being on a finite plane. And the finite cannot grasp or contain the infinite. Therefore, in theological terms we say God is incomprehensible. – Tabletalk Magazine*

**1 Have you ever not been able to see and accept someone as they are now because you knew them when they were younger or different?**

**2 What do people assume about God that may not be true – why do you think that is?**

**3 As we begin looking at the incomprehensibility of God, take time to reflect on the following verses. What do these verses reveal to you about God and about us?**

* **Psalm 145:3**
* **Psalm 147:5**
* **Romans 11:33-35**

**4 Knowing who God is matters to us. It changes not only the way we think about him, but the way we think about ourselves. Agree/Disagree**

**5 How does the knowledge that God cannot be fully known make you feel? List some positive feelings and some negative feelings. Explain your answers.**

*God is incomprehensible. This does not mean that he is unknowable, but that he is unable to be fully known. It is the joyful duty, the delightful task of his children to spend their lives, both this one and the next, discovering who he is. – Jen Wilkin*

**6 Read Romans 1:18-20. What does creation reveal about God?**

*Earth’s crammed with heaven and every common bush is afire with God; But only he who see takes off his shoes. The rest sit round it and pick blackberries. – Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

*But fear not: though God is not able to be fully known, he is able to be* ***sufficiently*** *known. What we can know about him from creation and the Bible is sufficient for our salvation and our sanctification. – Wilkin*

*What we cannot know about him would only serve to increase our love for him were he to reveal it to us. No doubt we will spend eternity enjoying an ever-increasing revelation of the things we do not yet know about God. Because he is infinitely good, the things that we do not know about God are only good things. – Wilkin*

**7 What are your thoughts about the two passages from Jen Wilkin above?**

**8 Read Psalm 19:12 and Jeremiah 17:9. What do these verses tell us about ourselves?**

**9 Read Psalm 139:1-6. What do these verses tell us about God?**

*He knows me fully – every thought and every intention, every perception and every judgment, every response to the world around me, no personality test required. He understands my biggest strengths and my besetting sins. Even the temptations I face are so know to him that he calls them “common to man” (1 Cor. 10:13). Apprehending with complete accuracy the best and the worst of me, he is neither impressed nor horrified. He accepts me as I am because of Christ. Nothing is hidden before the One who formed my inmost being, and because I am fully know, I am fully free to love the God I know only in part. Though I do not know him fully, what little I do know is cause for the deepest love the human heart can produce. – Wilkin*

**10 Think of a time you felt misunderstood by someone. Why is it difficult to see and acknowledge our sin in a misunderstanding? How should the truth that God know you fully affect the way you respond in that kind of situation?**

**11 Only God is incomprehensible, and we are not – why is that a good thing?**

One day we will see God more clearly than earthly reason now allows and more extensively than his works and words currently reveal him. Though now we know in part, one day we will know fully, even as we have been fully known (1 Cor. 13:12). We will still be finite creatures seeking to comprehend the infinite, but we will at last be able to see him without the murkiness of sin blurring our vision. We will have eternity to progressively explore his perfections. And because to know him is to love him, our ever-expanding vision will elicit ever-expanding love. Like a Christmas morning with always another present to unwrap, eternity will increasingly disclose his hidden glories to the eyers of our hearts. And until then, let us pursue with eagerness what we can know of him in this life. - Wilkin