



Introduction:

- “The Faith” is different than “faith”. “The Faith” is that body of Christian teaching found in the Scriptures upon which we build our lives, families and churches.
- Tragically, “The Faith” has come under attack. It is being pushed aside, marginalized, thought of as archaic and outdated. I couldn’t disagree more! We need “The Faith” more than ever!
- Over the course of the next four weeks, we will seek to define who God is and what He does, and we will learn what the Bible teaches about mankind and our relationship with our Creator. We will also investigate who Jesus is and what He offers each of us. And finally, we will examine the Church – the Body of Christ – and what it is to be all about in this world.
- Let’s start with God: Who He is and what He does.

The Divine Testimony (Exodus 34:5-7)

The LORD = Literally:

Pronounced:

Meaning:

The name I AM sounds strikingly close to the Hebrew verb to be – havah. It’s quite possibly a combination of the present tense form (I am) and the causative tense (I cause to be). Yahweh, then, seems to mean “I AM” and “I cause.” God is the One who is and the One who causes.

Max Lucado, **Traveling Light**, p. 16

God is the _____ One.

- List some of the attributes by which God describes Himself in Exodus 34:5-7.

God is the _____ Creator (Genesis 1).

- John 1:1-3;14

God Is On Mission to Redeem the World (John 1:11-14)

Conclusion:

Who is God and what does He do?

God is the unchanging, uncaused _____ on mission to _____ the world!