

# New City Catechism Class

## Week Two

**Q2:** What is God?

**A2:** God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

**Psalm 86:8-10, 15** “8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you O, Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God... 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (ESV)

Discuss the question:

- Why ask “*What* is God?” instead of “*Who* is God?”
- How is this question related to Question 1?
- Why else might this question be important to ask?
- In what ways is this question connected to the Gospel?
- Where do we get the answer to this question? Why is that so important to clarify?

Discuss the Scripture:

- What statements does David make about God in vs 8?
  - What does David mean by “the gods”?
  - Which deeds is David likely referring to?
- What Statement does David make about “the nations” in vs 9?
- In vs 10, David gives a reason for the statements in vs 8 & 9... What is the reason?
- David refers back to Moses’ encounter with God in vs 15... Why does he do this?

Discuss the answer in light of the Scripture:

- If God is creator of everyone and everything, how do they relate to God?
- What does God sustain? What are the implications of that?
- What does it mean that God is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in His attributes?
  - Discuss how this is applied to each attribute and why it is important.
- Scripture teaches that nothing happens apart from the sovereignty of God...
  - How do we benefit from knowing and believing this?
  - What makes this a difficult truth at times? How do we wrestle with that?

*How is your life reflecting your view of God and your understanding of who He is?*

*How can we grow in our knowledge of God?*