

## TO EXPLORE AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal God to you and “open the eyes of your heart.”
2. Read the definition. Identify the type of attribute—communicable or non-communicable.
3. Quickly read all of the Scriptures in a lesson (there are only 4). This will give you the thread of the attribute. It’s best to do this on Thursday and let the thread “sit and marinate” with you for a couple of days.
4. Then read and ponder each section. It’s best to do one per day.
5. Pay attention to thoughts and feelings that come to heart and mind, questions, other aspects of God’s character, other Scripture verses.
6. Look up, look around, be aware of God’s activity in your life and in the lives of those around you!
7. Feel the freedom to explore! Focus on “direction,” not “destination.” This is an invitation into relationship—and relationships are complex and sometimes messy. There is no one “right” way.
8. Don’t worry about filling out every column on every Scripture. Every blank will not be filled (see #7). Let yourself off the hook.
9. Be messy—draw lines, circle words, connect phrases that jump out at you. Jot down thoughts in the margins, go back and forth in the lesson. You can even start on the last page and work backwards!
10. If you really get stuck, you can do the longer passages inductively, but pause frequently to be still and listen.
11. Do not fret if you have little written down on your lesson. God is known in community—every person will have something to add to the sharing! See #7—your personal experience with a personal God will not be the same as others’. There is no one “right” way!
12. Learn by doing. We are all in this together!