

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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# WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

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*Study Guide: Chapter 9 - "Know Your Real Needs"*

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1. What should be our starting point if we want to understand who we are? Why? (153)

## WHO IS GOD AND WHAT ARE HIS NEEDS

2. What are the Triune God's needs? (153)
3. What would it be called if God was consumed with anything other than himself? (154) How does Romans 11:36 describe this?
4. What two reasons does the author give to praise God on page 154? Which is the better reason?
5. How is God's holiness expressed in concrete pictures across the pages of scripture? (154-155)
6. Does God use these pictures as a way to accommodate himself to human language or is there something deeper? (155)

7. According to John 1:14 who is the ultimate image of God's glory? (156)
8. What was Jesus passion on earth according to John 12:28, John 17:4-5)? (156)

#### WHO ARE WE?

9. What is a more accurate image of the image of God in man, a cup or a mirror? (156) Explain.
10. With a proper understanding of God's image in man, what becomes the most basic question of human existence? (158)
11. How do we fulfill the responsibility and privilege of image bearing? (158)
12. Do God's creations share all of his qualities? (159)
13. What does 1 Peter 2:9 call us? (159)
14. What significance does the name "Christian" truly hold? (161)

15. What are other ways that we can imitate our God? (161-162)

#### WHAT DO WE REALLY NEED?

16. Complete the quotation, "Self-serving needs are . . ." (162)
17. Does the scriptural command to love mean that we need love? (162)
18. Why do we not love and love? (163)
19. How does scripture define our needs? (163-164)
- a. (1 Tim 6:8)
  - b. (John 3:7)
  - c. (1 Cor 12:20-21)
20. How does Christ's example prayer in Matt 6 emphasize our greatest need?
21. What are the two critical petitions of Jesus prayer in John 17? (165)
22. How do we mirror Christ most clearly? How do we achieve it? (166)

**Big Idea:** *God is our only real need.*