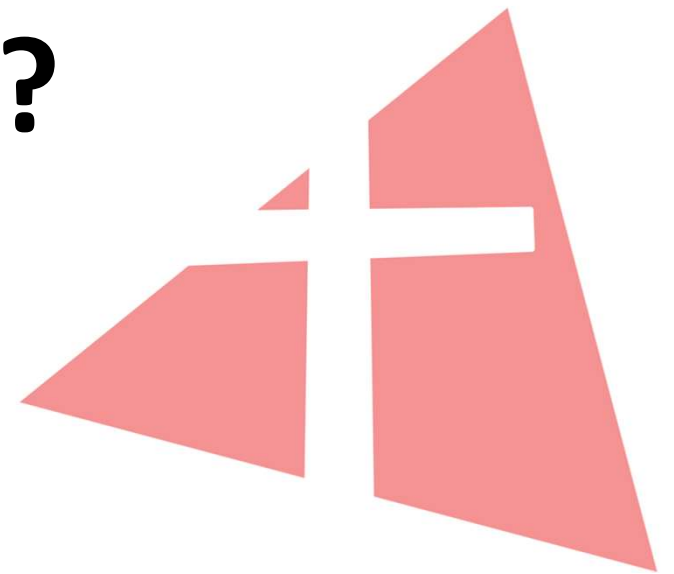


# Who is God? Who am I?

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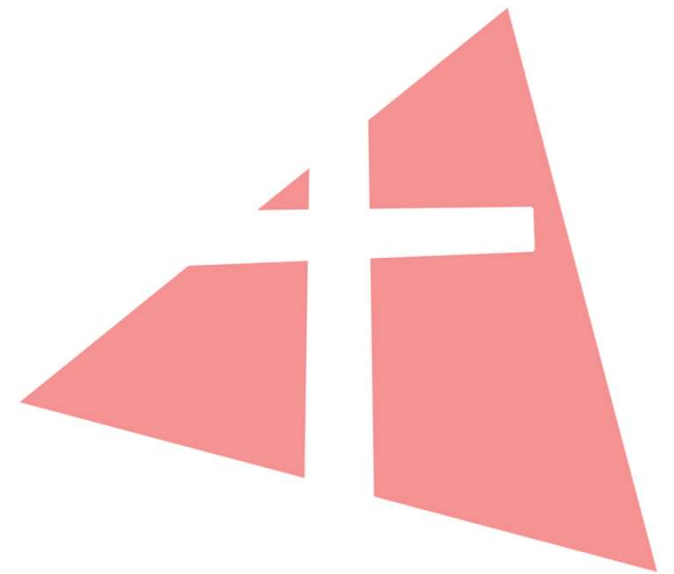
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# Why is it important?

## ○ Misconceptions about God

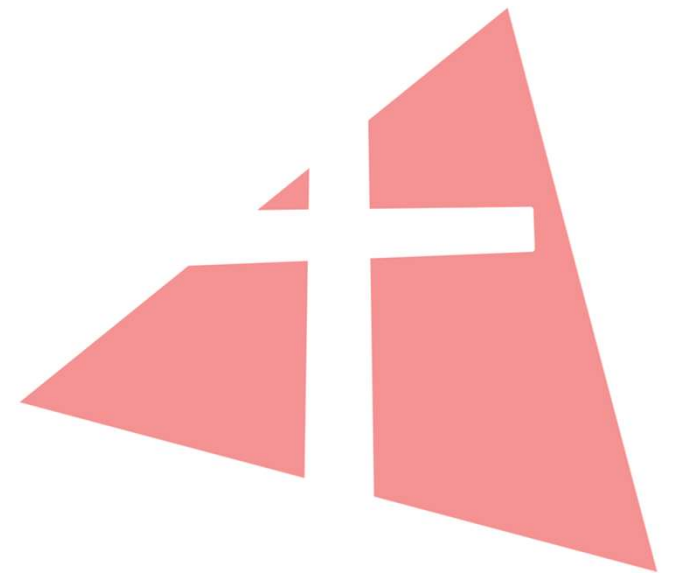
- God judges me by my performance
- God is harsh
- God is distant
- God can't love me this much
- God doesn't listen to my prayers
- ...



# Why is it important?

## ○ **Misconceptions about our identity**

- I am worthless
- I am a sinner
- I am not important
- I am not good enough
- ...



# The Main Point

- **The way we relate to God depends on what we believe about**
  - Who God is
  - Who we are



# An Important Distinction

- **Our Identity is who we truly are**
  - How God sees us
- **Our Self Image is how we see ourselves**

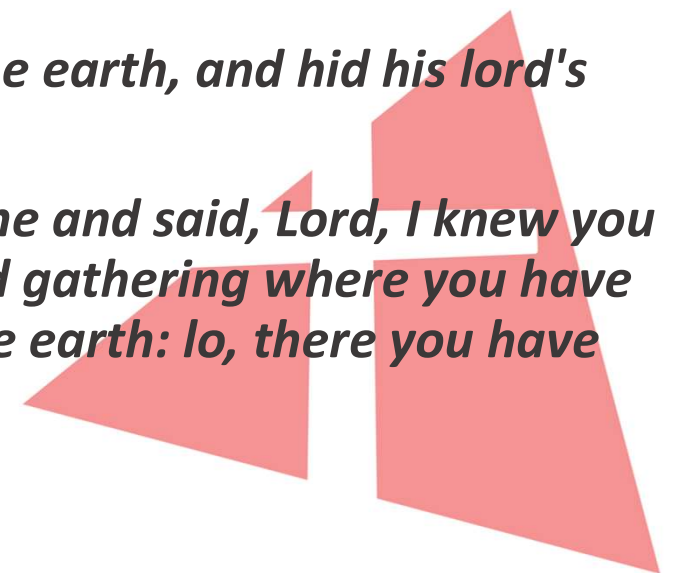


# Who is God?

*Matthew 25:14-15 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his own ability; and immediately took his journey.*

*Matthew 25:18 But he that had received one went and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money.*

*Matthew 25:24-25 Then he who had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not spread: And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth: lo, there you have what is yours.*



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*Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not spread:*

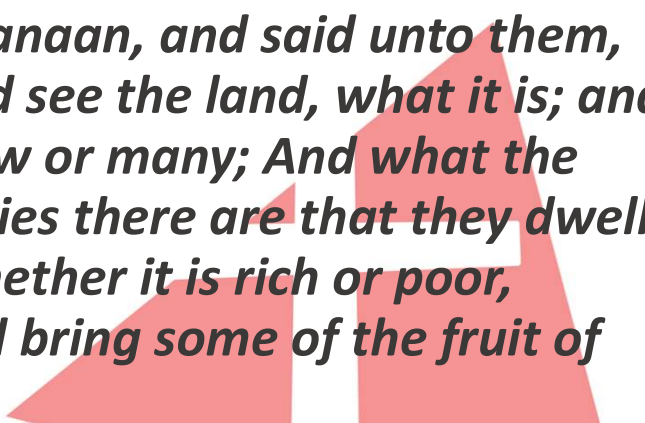




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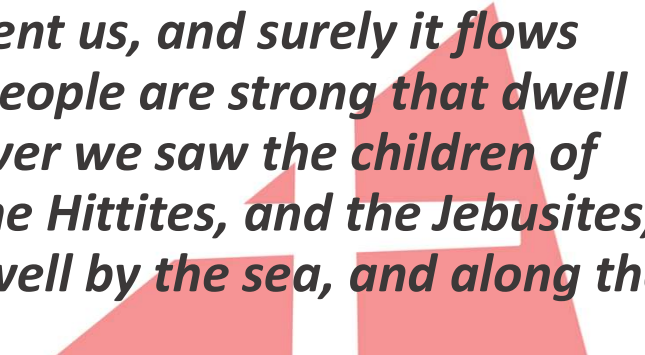
*Numbers 13:2 Send men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall you send a man, every one a leader among them.*

*Numbers 13:17-20 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Go up this way into the South, and go up into the mountains: And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwell there, whether they are strong or weak, few or many; And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities there are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; And what the land is, whether it is rich or poor, whether there be wood in it, or not. And be of good courage, and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.*



# Who am I?

*Numbers 13:26-29 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people are strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.*



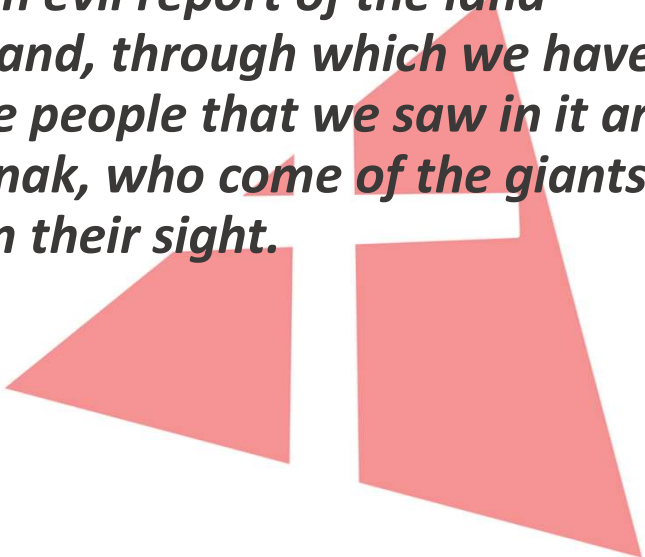
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*Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.*



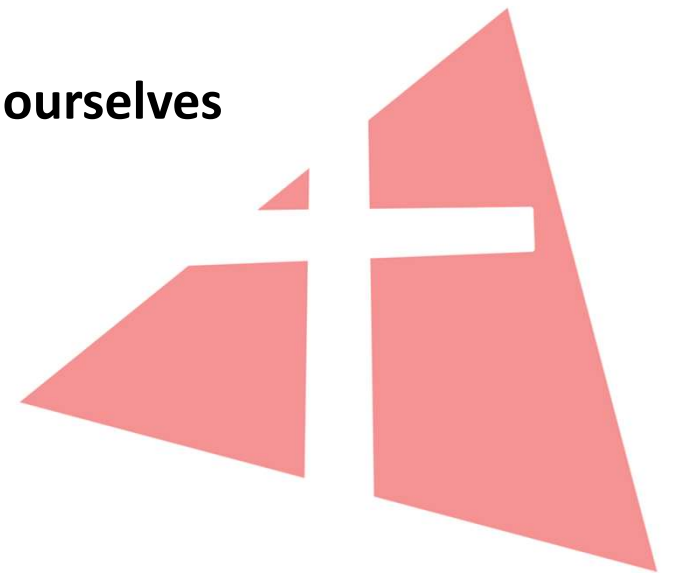
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*Numbers 13:31-33 But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, who come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*



# Our Actions

- **Everything we do is based on what we believe about God and ourselves**



# What about Jewish and Muslim Beliefs?

- They believe in the same person
- But they believe that God has a very, very different character



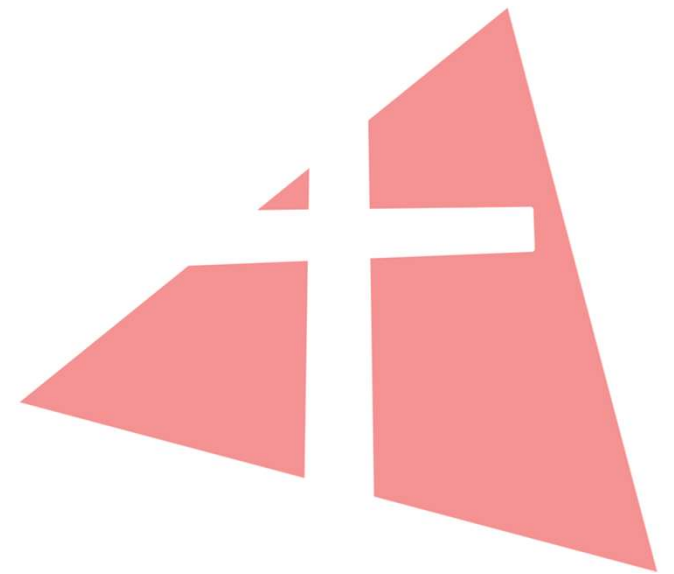
# Just to be clear

- **What we believe about God and ourselves doesn't change the Truth**
- **But it does change the way we personally relate to God**
- **It will affect**
  - The way we live on this earth
  - Potentially even our eternal destiny



# Our Series

- **First we look at “Who God is”**
- **Then we look at “Who we are”**





# In Conclusion

- **If we want to have a close relationship with God, we need to know who God is and who we are**

