

ANNOUNCEMENTS

09.13.2026

JOHN 3:16 SERVING OPPORTUNITY: Join others from TCCO on Fri. 9/25 from 5:30-7:30pm to serve dinner to the shelter guests with our local outreach partner John 3:16 Mission. All volunteers 16 & older are welcome, and students ages 12-15 can serve with a parent. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve others and connect with your TCCO family. Contact Sarah Simpson to sign up to serve, or with any questions at outreach@theconnecting.co.

LUNCH WITH THE STAFF: Our Fall Semester LWTS is scheduled for Sun. 9/27, 12:30-2:00pm. This event is important for anyone who has never attended one before or is new to TCCO in the last 6-12 months. LWTS is a great opportunity to hear our heart and more of our story as a church; to learn about our mission, vision, and core values; to connect with and meet our staff and some of our leadership team; to ask any questions; and to get more connected. Lunch and childcare for 5th grade and under (by registration only) is provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP no later than Sun. 9/20. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

TCCO STUDENTS+ TOURNAMENT NIGHT: All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on Wed. 9/30 for our next TCCO Students+ Night, 6:30-8:00pm; doors open at 6:15pm. Grab a teammate and get ready to compete in various tournament games throughout the night! Plan to be there and invite all your friends to join you! Contact Pastor Walter at walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

LOVE TULSA SUNDAY: TCCO is partnering with City Church again this year for a city-wide outreach day to serve and love on our community on Sun. 10/4, 9:00am-12:00pm! Childcare will be provided for children 4 & under here at TCCO. Families are encouraged to serve together. Use the QR code or link to register no later than Fri. 9/25. FREE Love Tulsa t-shirts to wear that day are available for first-time participants on a first come basis; adult & youth sizes available. (If you have your t-shirt from May 2025; please use/wear it; design is the same.) T-shirts will be handed out at TCCO on Sun. 9/20 & Sun. 9/27. Contact outreach@theconnecting.co with any questions.

CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY: Several places in scripture we see examples and the importance of dedicating our children back to the Lord. Our next Child Dedication Sunday is scheduled for Sun. 10/25. This opportunity is open to all parents of children that have not been dedicated to the Lord yet. Sign-up using the QR code by Sun. 10/11. For questions, please contact our TCCO Kids Director, Elaine Hathaway at elaine@theconnecting.co.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. 11/1, TCCO's Annual Party on the Lawn



“GOD IS...”

WEEK 1

GOD DEFINED

Travis Cherry



we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
each other

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How you and I see God shapes how we see everything.

Your view and definition and understanding of God eventually affects everything else in your life and world.

Exodus 3:1-6 — ¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

We don’t always interact with God based only on who God actually is...we often interact with God based on who we believe God is.

“Who have I believed God to be?”

1. WE ALL HAVE A PICTURE OF GOD

Your experiences can influence your understanding of God...but your experiences must not define God.

We must not begin with ourselves and then work our way toward God; instead we must begin with God and then we will understand ourselves in light of Him.

You and I were never created to make God look like us...we were created to reflect what He is like.

Genesis 1:27 — *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

Our filter should be: “Is this who God has actually revealed Himself to be?”

2. GOD CAN’T FIT IN OUR BOX

Exodus 3:13 — *Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”*

Exodus 3:14 — *God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”*

God doesn’t become more God when you believe in Him...which also means He doesn’t become any less God when you don’t.

Exodus 3:15 — *God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”*

Isaiah 55:8 — *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.*

God may feel incomprehensible...but He is absolutely knowable.

3. GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOWN

The goal is never to have more knowledge for the sake of knowledge itself; the goal always is to know God himself more deeply!

Hebrews 1:1-2 — ¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

John 14:9-11 — ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

God desires to be known by us; He chose to reveal Himself to us through Jesus, all throughout Scripture, and continues to reveal Himself to us today in so many ways.

Your theology eventually becomes your biography.

What someone did falsely in God’s name must not become what you believe about God’s character.

When you truly know who God is, you don’t have to pretend to be what you are not.

Questions for Reflection:

- What version of God do you believe in?
- What or who have you allowed to define God for you?