None Like Him, Supplements for chapter 2, "INCOMPREHENSIBLE"

These suggestions are entirely optional and mainly for the purpose of personal study, meditation, and reflection.

Fellowship group leaders may choose to use a supplemental question or Scripture passage during group discussion, in addition to the questions and Bible verses presented at the end of each chapter.

"Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You..." I Kings 8:27

"What is God like?" If by that question we mean "What is God like *in Himself*?" there is no answer. If we mean "What has God disclosed *about Himself* that the reverent reason can comprehend?" there is, I believe, an answer both full and satisfying. For while the name of God is secret and His essential nature incomprehensible, He in condescending love has by revelation declared certain things to be true of Himself. These we call His attributes." *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer

The puritan Thomas Watson, in his commentary on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, exhorts us to "LEARN TO ADMIRE WHERE YOU CANNOT FATHOM."

"They that know Thee not may call upon Thee as other than Thou art, and so worship not Thee but a creature of their own fancy; therefore enlighten our minds that we may know Thee as Thou art, so that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thee."

The Knowledge of the Holy

Read Psalm 147 and offer praises to the LORD!

Circle and/or record all the actions our incomprehensible God takes toward His children.

Consider memorizing Psalm 145 and/or 147 as we work through this study. Both of these psalms declare many of God's non-communicable and communicable attributes.

Ponder this as you work through chapter 2:

How should the knowledge that God is "incomprehensible" change the way I'm thinking/living?

"We are masters of concealment, even from those we love and trust." page 36

Something to think about-

Nothing is hidden from our incomprehensible Father. Since He has already searched us and knows the darkest corners of our hearts and minds, AND loves us in spite of this, we are now free to walk in the light with Him and our trusted community.

Read Psalm 32:1-7

Questions:

- Is there something I am trying to keep in the dark?
- Are there ways I am choosing "dried up strength" and "bones that are wasting away" in place of the blessed peace and mercy that flows from His forgiveness?

Proverbs 28:13 "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy."

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Is there someone I've been diagnosing and/or judging- self righteously assuming I know their motives?

How can I intercede for this person? walk in love and compassion? extend the same mercy I've been given?

On page 39, Jen says..."the glorious fact that He makes Himself known in ways my finite understanding can grasp should cause me to celebrate, to devote my life to the joyful duty of discovering what He has made known of Himself."

Praise be to God, He has made Himself known through His Son, Jesus Christ!

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Colossians 1:15

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power." Hebrews 1:3

Study the following Scriptures and "pursue with eagerness what we are able to know and understand about Him." page 40

John 1:1-18

Hebrews 1

I Corinthians 1:18-2:16

"ON THE GLORIOUS SPLENDOR OF YOUR MAJESTY AND ON YOUR WONDROUS WORKS, I WILL MEDITATE." PSALM 145:5

"If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He is not some grimy, blurry image of the Almighty. He isn't the sun peeking through the clouds. Jesus radiates the glory of God. Theologians have a word for this. They say the Son is "co-essential" with the Father. That means the Father and the Son share the same essence. The Father is God and the Son is God. Jesus is the blazing, magnificent revelation of God himself." Ray Pritchard Taken from "Word of God" by Keep Believing Ministries

"How can we begin to comprehend the Incomprehensible, to touch and taste the Unapproachable? Through Jesus Christ our Lord! In Christ and by Christ, God effects complete self-disclosure, although He shows Himself not to reason but to faith and love. God came to us in the incarnation; in atonement He reconciled us to Himself, and by faith and love we enter and lay hold on Him." *Knowledge of the Holy*

"In Scripture, mystery and incomprehensibility prompt doxology and adoration of God." http://info.alliancenet.org/placefortruth/worshipping-the-incomprehensible-god

Sovereign Father, heavenly King, Thee we now presume to sing; Glad thine attributes confess, Glorious all, and numberless. Charles Wesley