

Media



✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos and music listed (links are provided on this sessions webpage).
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ Group

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Priests” (contains brief profanity) and “Pope and Michelangelo” clips, pausing between each for comment, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How are these clips reminiscent of the biblical narrative?
- How would you characterize your congregation’s response to the changing issues of the day and why?
- What are some areas in which your congregation is resistant to change or innovation and why?
- What might make your congregation more or less comfortable with the idea of a God who never changes, as opposed to one who always does?
- In what ways do you think your congregation’s views on the flexibility or immutability of God affect the way it does things?
- How might addressing some of the areas for which the rest of the world criticizes people of faith affect the way they view God? What should local congregations do about that?

✓ React to This

Play the “Blind Willie Johnson” and “William Lane Craig” clips, pausing between each for comments, then ask questions like:

- What questions or other reactions do these clips raise for you?
- In what ways do you see God changing or remaining constant when viewed through the lens of your faith relationship?
- What does it mean for us to have a God that changes and adjusts to us, as opposed to one who is always and forever the same?
- In what ways does it make you feel more or less secure to think that God’s mind can change?

- What should we say to others, who are lacking or growing in faith, when they bring up the concept of God as “static” or unchanging?

✓ Close

Invite people to share something about God that they are glad does NOT change, then pray that you can better know God.

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