**Response and Imitation Worksheet**

**God/Bible/Holy Spirit**

**Fall 2018**

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This worksheet will help you consider how you can respond to and imitate several of God’s attributes. Consider how your responses can be ways to express the vital relationship between what we believe and how we ought to live based on our beliefs. Type your responses on this worksheet. Email to the instructor when you finish.

**INTRODUCTION**

According to Tozer, “Left to ourselves we tend immediately to reduce God to manageable terms. We want to get Him where we can use Him, or at least know where He is when we need Him. We want a God we can in some measure control.” How have you seen this dynamic play out in your life? Share a specific example.

**INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES**

Select two incommunicable attributes and fill in the chart below.

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|  | **Attribute #1:**  | **Attribute #2:**  |
| In your own words, briefly describe this attribute. What does it mean to say that this attribute is true of God? |  |  |
| Think about the Tozer quote above. Why is it important that you think rightly about this particular attribute of God? How are you tempted to reduce God? How does this attribute correct your thinking about God? |  |  |
| Meditate on this attribute for at least 15 min considering ways you can respond to this attribute as a creature. Describe your responses here. |  |  |

**COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**

Pick two communicable attributes and complete the table below.

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|  | **Attribute #1:** | **Attribute #2:**  |
| In your own words, briefly describe this attribute. What does it mean to say that this attribute is true of God? |  |  |
| Think about the Tozer quote above. Why is it important that you think rightly about this particular attribute of God? How are you tempted to think wrongly about God in relation to this attribute? |  |  |
| What are some ways we see Jesus expressing this attribute in the gospels? |  |  |
| Meditate on this attribute for 15 min considering ways you can respond to this attribute. Describe your responses here. |  |  |
| Meditate on ways that you can imitate to this attribute in your relationship with God and others. Describe them here. |  |  |

**CONCLUSION**

Pick one of the communicable attributes that you long to see more deeply reflected in and through your life. (The article “Hearing the Music of the Gospel” may help you process these questions.)

What aspect of your brokenness and rebellion keeps you from imitating this attribute (ask: What’s the sin beneath the sin?) What disrupts putting this attribute into action (ask: What causes a disconnect between stating this attribute and putting it into practice?)

What aspect of the gospel would inspire and empower you more deeply to reflect this attribute in your life in way that reveals how our beliefs orient us toward faithful engagement in God’s world?

Write out a prayer reflecting your desire to see this attribute reflected more deeply in your life (the life of Christ manifested by the power of the Spirit to the glory of God in word and deed).