

Study Guide for Core Questions Sermon Series: *Is the God of the Old Testament the same God as the God of the New Testament?*

- 1.) The sermon used several scriptures to illustrate God's wrath in the Old and the New Testaments (the flood account, Sodom & Gomorrah, Romans 1:18). It also cited several scriptures that illustrated God's mercy in both testaments (Exodus 34:6, 1 John 4:10.) What other scriptures can you find that illustrate these attributes in both testaments?
- 2.) The bottom line is that God is consistent throughout the Bible. Can you trace God's plan of salvation from the Old Testament to its fulfillment in the New Testament?
- 3.) Was there ever a time that you thought you could "Do it Your Way" a la Frank Sinatra? What were the circumstances, and how did that turn out? When did you realize you were "kicking against the goads"? What did you do when you did realize it?
- 4.) God gives us free will - the choice to accept him or reject him. Define that concept in your own words.
- 5.) Often religion uses "scare tactics" to convince people to accept God. Is this really free will? Aside from scare tactics, how else would you explain to an unbeliever that God has a plan of salvation, and that we have the ability to opt in - or not?