

Devotional Guide: Sermon Series: God revealed – week 1: The God Who Is There

Worship

Before beginning, you may wish to listen to:

“So Will I (100 Billion X)” – Hillsong UNITED

A song that reflects on creation declaring the glory of God and invites us into response.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we come to You now, quiet our hearts and centre our minds on Your presence.

Open our eyes to see Your glory revealed in creation and in Your Word.

Open our minds to understand truth that transforms, not just informs.

And open our hearts to respond in obedience, love, and worship.

Draw us deeper into relationship with You through Jesus.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: *Romans 1:18–23 (NLT)*

Take time to slowly re-read this passage.

Write down any verses that resonate with you today – remember God speaks through His living Word.

Summary of the Scripture

Romans 1 teaches that God has made Himself clearly known to all people through creation and within the human heart. His invisible qualities—His power and divine nature—are visible in what He has made. Yet humanity often suppresses this truth. Instead of worshipping the Creator, people turn to lesser things, distorting their understanding of God and themselves. The passage highlights both **God’s clear revelation** and **human resistance**, calling us to rightly acknowledge and worship Him.

Summary of the Sermon

The sermon explores the reality that **God is not hidden—He is present, revealed, and knowable**. From childhood awareness of “something more” to society’s instinct to pray in crisis, there is a deep, universal sense that God exists. Creation points to Him. Our inner conscience echoes Him. Yet many stop at awareness and resist moving into relationship because acknowledging God requires surrender.

The message challenges us not to settle for knowing about God, but to **encounter Him personally through Jesus**. It also presses a crucial truth: Knowing God should transform how we live—not just in church, but in our everyday environments. We are called to be **living signposts**, reflecting God’s glory wherever He has placed us.

Reflective Questions (Personal & Group Use)

1. Awareness vs. Response

- Where do you see evidence of God in creation or in your daily life?

2. Suppressing or Surrendering

- Are there areas in your life where you sense God prompting you, but you've resisted?
- What might be holding you back from full surrender?

3. Knowledge that Transforms

- In what ways has your knowledge of God changed how you live?
- Are there areas where your faith has remained intellectual rather than transformational?

4. Discipleship in Your Context

- Where has God placed you (home, workplace, community)?
- How can you better reflect God's presence in that specific place this week?

5. "Good Christian, Lousy Neighbour?"

- Are there opportunities around you—people, needs, relationships—you may be overlooking?
- What would it look like to live missionally where you already are?

6. From Awareness to Encounter

- What practical steps can you take to deepen your relationship with God through Jesus?
- How can Scripture, prayer, and community help you move forward?

Living Faith: Application Invitation

This week, choose **one intentional step**:

- **Notice**: Spend time observing creation—walk, pause, reflect on God's amazing creation. Don't rush. Spend time in silence just watching.
- **Respond**: Turn awareness into worship—thank God specifically for what you see.
- **Engage**: Identify one person or situation where you can reflect God's love.
- **Deepen**: Commit to daily Scripture reading, asking not "What do I learn?" but "How will I live this?"

Faith becomes alive when it moves from recognition to response.

Closing Prayer (Pastoral Sending)

Lord God,
You are the God who is there—not distant or hidden, but present with us in every place You have set our lives.

Thank You that we do not leave this moment to go somewhere You are not but to walk with You into our homes, our workplaces, our streets, and our relationships.

Forgive us for the times we have seen Your truth yet held back, for when we have known You in part but not followed You fully.

And now, as we go,
help us to be attentive to Your presence:
in the ordinary, in the unseen, in the everyday moments.

Teach us to recognise where You are already at work,
and give us courage to join You there.

Make us gentle reflections of Your grace
in the places You have planted us.
May our words carry kindness,
our actions carry love,
and our lives quietly point to Jesus.

And when we feel uncertain or weak,
remind us that You are near—
leading, strengthening, and sustaining us.

So send us out, not alone,
but with You—
the God who is there.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.