

Sermon for June 8/9, 2024
"God Is Slow to Anger" Pastor Aaron Buer



SMALL GROUPS

Share Life | Pursue God | Invest In Others

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. We have some great opportunities for you to connect at **SUMMER EVENTS**. Union (Young Adults), Women's Ministry and Singles 35+ all have events coming up this month. Stay connected with our ministry happenings at [Adabible.info>Info & Events](https://adabible.info/info&events).

GROUP VALUES. This June, we focus on **SERVING**. As a group, discuss opportunities to serve together, whether in children's ministry, for someone in the community or with a local organization. Consider asking one person to champion a serving day for everyone in the group.

GROW AS A LEADER. Ready to grow as a leader this summer? Check out *The Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast* for encouragement, training and conversations with other leaders. Find links to the podcast at careynieuwhof.com/mypodcast/.

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the second week of our new sermon series, **GOD IS**. This week, we look at how God describes his character to Moses.

ICEBREAKER

How would you describe yourself to someone new in five words or less?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read Exodus 34:5-8 aloud.

What characteristics or attributes of God are described in these verses?

What repeated words or phrases do you notice, and why do you think they are emphasized?

Notice the progression as God lists his attributes. What significance do you think the order may have?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Aaron Buer continued our God Is sermon series by discussing a conversation between God and Moses. As a group, recall some of the sermon's big ideas and main points.

Why do you think the perception of God as angry and vengeful exists, and how does it contrast with the biblical description of God's character?

How have you seen examples of God being compassionate, gracious and "slow to anger" displayed in the world or through your life experiences?

We learned that God's love and justice are not incompatible but are both essential aspects of his character. How have you wrestled with reconciling these seemingly contrasting attributes of God?

Pastor Aaron discussed the concept of generational sin and how sin wounds and often repeats. How might recognizing the potential for lasting consequences of sin change your attitude toward sin in your life?

Reflect on this statement: "God's anger is rooted in his unchanging character." How does understanding God's consistent and just nature influence your perspective on his anger toward sin?

Sometimes, it is easier to recognize that God is loving than to recognize that he loves us. Have you wrestled with receiving God's love? If so, describe that struggle.

In your personal journey, have you ever struggled with the idea of God's love and forgiveness being costly, ultimately requiring the sacrifice of Jesus? If so, what has that struggle looked like?

The sermon emphasizes the importance of responding to God's grace by placing your faith in Jesus. Who in your life has yet to respond to this gift of grace through Jesus? What steps can you take to share that gift with them? Commit to praying for these people and that each group member will have opportunities to share Jesus with them.

Which part of the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most, and why?

WRAP UP

Reflecting on the attributes of God revealed in this passage (compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, just, forgiving), which one resonates most with you currently, and how can you apply that truth to your life this week?