

RCIA at St. Raymond Church
Session Two: Who is God?

1. Finding the teaching:
 - a. www.saintraymond.net
 - b. Christian Formation – Becoming Catholic – RCIA
 - c. There are many other resources there as well...use as time allows!

2. If someone asked you “Who is God?” what would you say?

3. A Review of the Basics
 - a. Atheism – there is NO God
 - b. Agnosticism – we can’t be sure
 - c. Polytheism – there are many gods (Greeks, Romans, Celts, Hindus)
 - d. Monotheism – there is one God (Jews, Muslims and Christians)
 - e. Deism – God creates but leaves us alone after that

4. The Judeo-Christian Understanding of God
 - a. God is Eternal – always was, always will be
 - b. God is One – One God, Three Person (The Trinity)
 - c. God is Personal – God (who is neither male nor female, beyond race and Creed) desires a relationship with Humanity and so REVEALS Himself through time
 - d. God is Loving & Merciful – God’s plan is to allow us to live in His love (here and forever in heaven); when we violate that Love, God is willing to forgive
 - e. God is Providential – God cares for His people and allows us to be stewards of Creation (we are not just left on our own)

- f. God is Free, Creates us in Freedom & in Humility allows us to exercise our Freedom (God is not a “puppet master”)

5. Questions for Discussion:

- a. As a child, if someone asked you, “Who is God?” what would you have said? How has that changed over the years?
- b. Do you agree with Fr. Chris’ thoughts on why some people are atheists or agnostics? Do you have other ideas as well?
- c. As you think about the “attributes” of God in #4 on the outline – is there one “attribute” of God that is more attractive to you at this point in your life?
- d. Do you have other questions about God at this point on the journey?