God Is Omniscient: Sermon Notes

Definition
- Very simply, God is all-knowing. Psalm 147:5
- His omniscience has at least four dimensions:

1st Dimension- God Knows All Historical Events
- Present - Psalm 33:13-15
- Future - Isaiah 46:8-10, 42:8-9, 44:7-8
- 2 Peter 3:8
- Application
  - God knows all things, and this should motivate prayer.
  - God knows all things, and has given us His mind in Scripture.
  - God knows all things, and we don’t. So let’s give each other grace!

2nd Dimension- God Knows All Internal Thoughts
- Bible - Psalm 139:1-4, Hebrews 4:13
- Application
  - God sees and knows all your internal thoughts, and you cannot hide from Him.
  - God knows you, even at your worst, and He still wants relationship with you.

3rd Dimension- God Knows All Hypothetical Outcomes
- Bible - Matthew 11:21-23, 1 Sam. 23:11-13
- Application
  - God has knowledge of the possible, knowledge of all possible outcomes.
  - His knowledge is far above our knowledge! Isaiah 55:8-9
- Application
  - God knows how all things could be, and this is how He chose things to be.
  - We can take comfort in this.

4th Dimension- God Knows Himself
- This is the greatest test of God’s knowledge, He knows His own limitless self.
- It takes an infinite mind to know an infinite God.
- Bible - 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, also surrounding context: 1 Cor. 1:16-31, 2:12-16
  - Isaiah 40:12-14
- Application
  - If we want to know God, we must come to God, for only He knows Himself.

The Important Riddle of Omniscience
- God’s omniscience brings up some (maybe unanswerable) philosophical questions:
- Does God know what it’s like to break an arm?
- If God knows all things He will do, does that mean He doesn’t have free will?
- Is God fully aware always of all things, or does He filter data as He receives it?
- But there is one truly important question of God’s omniscience: How can He forget?
- How can God not remember sin?
  - Isaiah 43:25
  - God sends His Son, Himself omniscient, who becomes limited in knowledge.
  - Jesus learns, grows in knowledge.
  - Jesus learns how to be our Messiah.
  - Jesus takes our sins, nails them to cross, so God may remember our sin no more.