God is…

Directions: Please circle the words or phrases below that best describe the kind of God in whom you believe.

1. Mysterious – beyond words & definitions
2. One
3. Trinitarian – One God/Three persons
4. Righteous
5. Fearsome/Frightening/Scary/Punitive
6. Spirit that is a part of the material world
7. Spirit that stands apart from the material world
8. All knowing/powerful
9. Partly Good, Partly Evil
10. Warrior
11. Judge
12. Friend
13. Lover
14. Creator
15. King/Ruler
16. Never changes
17. Changes and develops
18. Love
19. Justice
20. Father/Male
21. Mother/Female
22. Compassion – feels with us
23. Merciful
24. One who created us but respects our absolute free will.
25. One who created us but pre-destines us for a particular life.
26. Personally engaged in our lives
27. Non-personal
28. One who is far above us - and transcendent
29. One who is very near to us - and immanent.
30. _____

1. Which one or two images/idea from above speaks most powerfully of the God you believe in?

2. Where do you think your images of God have come from?

3. Which images of God do you think have brought about the greatest good for people and why?

4. Which images of God do you think have brought about the greatest harm for people and why?

5. Which images of God do you think seem most prevalent in our church? In society?

6. Which images of God listed above challenge you the most?

7. Do you feel your image of God is changing? Is so, why?

Scriptural Images of God

Please find the following scriptural references and note the images(s) of God offered.

Psalm 93: 1-2
Chronicles 29: 11-12 _____

Psalm 68: 6
Matt 6: 9 _____

Genesis 1: 1-2 _____

Hosea 13: 8 _____

Matthew 23: 37 _____

Hosea 11: 1-4 _____

Psalm 23 _____

Isaiah 64: 7 _____

Exodus 19: 3-4
Psalm 17: 8 _____

Isaiah 3: 13-14 _____

Isaiah 42: 14 _____

Psalm 18: 29
Psalm 27: 1 _____

Psalm 31: 1-4 _____

Psalm 18: 8-10 _____

Exodus 15: 3
Psalm 35: 1-3 _____

	MY IMAGE OF GOD	EVENTS IN SOCIETY	PRIMARY AUTHORITIES /RELATIONSHIPS	SIGNIFICANT LIFE EVENTS
8 yrs old:				
14 yrs. old:				
20 yrs. old:				
40+ yrs. old:				
Present:				

1. **Are there any evident relationships or connections between the columns?**

2. **Does your image of God differ now from when you were a child? If so, in what way and why?**

3. **Is there a new image of God that is emerging for you? If so, describe…**