Lesson #2  God: the Alpha and the Omega (the Beginning and the End)

Opening Shot:
God exists. He says in His Word that He is the Beginning and the End. He says that His name is “I AM WHO I AM”. Jesus, His Son, also laid claim to that name. At the end of all things we know, God will create new things for us to know as His children.

Introduction to Bible Truths: (Optional)

Revelation 1:8  “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”
Exodus 3:14  God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
John 8:58  “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”
Revelation 21:1  Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...
Revelation 21:6  He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.”

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:
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2.) What’s more, why should I care if God is going to exist at the end, whenever that is?
3.) Why would God call Himself “I AM WHO I AM”?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:
1.) A quick review of Job chapters 38-41 reminds us that God created all things. That makes Him really important!
2.) Isaiah 65:17 says: “Behold I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.” Isaiah 65:17-25 and Revelation 21:1-6 tell us what the new heavens and the new earth will be like. Since God is the Beginning of all things and the End of all things, He must be in the middle too; where we are!! So He is REALLY important!
3.) Hebrews 6:13-14  When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” (Reference is to Genesis 22:15-18)  God is the Greatest and He is the Beginning and the End; what else would He call Himself besides “I AM THAT I AM”?

Parting Shot:
God is the Beginning and the End. He exists. He is so all encompassing, so present, and so indispensable, the only thing He could call Himself is “I AM”. Jesus used that name for Himself in a discussion. The innate Being of God cannot be overlooked. And He loves us! Everything else hinges on how we accept that and how we relate to Him.
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