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Discussion Guide “Know God Personally” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Share a small detail about someone you know really well—their favorite coffee order, a phrase they say all the time, or even their favorite food. Now consider the difference between knowing general facts about this person and intimately knowing them.

Sermon Summary

Knowing about God isn’t the same as knowing Him personally, and Jesus isn’t simply a means to a better life—He’s the entire point! As we grow in our relationship with Him, we become Christ’s ambassadors, carrying His love, grace, and message of reconciliation into the world around us.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Exodus 6:6–8](#)

[John 17:3](#)

[Ephesians 1:17](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:17–20](#)

[Luke 4:16–21](#)

[Philippians 3:7–10](#)

[Luke 19:10](#)

[Acts 18:9–10](#)

[Jeremiah 9:23–24](#)

[2 Thessalonians 1:8–10](#)

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

[James 4:8](#)

[Matthew 7:21–23](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What’s the difference between knowing *about* God and knowing God personally? How have you experienced that difference in your own life?
2. Pastor Daniel shared that “He’s the point.” What are some things that can unintentionally become the focus of our relationship with God instead of God Himself?
3. Paul had accomplished a great deal, yet he still said, “I want to know Christ.” What does this teach us about continuing to grow spiritually?

4. If God answered all your prayers, would other people benefit from them? What might this reveal about what you value and what you're asking God to do?
5. What does it look like to be Christ's ambassador in your everyday environment: at work, school, home, or in your community?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Exodus 33:12–23](#) (Moses encounters God). What does Moses' desire for God's presence teach you about what it means to genuinely know God?
2. Study [Genesis 32:22–32](#) (Jacob wrestles with God). What does Jacob's encounter teach you about pursuing God even when the process is difficult or uncomfortable? Is it possible that wrestling in prayer creates intimacy with God?
3. Study [Acts 8:26–39](#) (Philip and the Ethiopian official). Who might God be placing in your path right now who needs someone to help them draw closer to Him?

Apply

1. Prioritize knowing God, not just knowing about God. Set aside intentional time to pray, read Scripture, worship, and listen for God's direction.
2. Ask God to reveal Himself more clearly. Pray regularly for the "spirit of wisdom and revelation" so that you would know Him better.
3. Look for opportunities to represent Jesus. Whether it's at work, home, school, or in your neighborhood, intentionally demonstrate the character of God through compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and love.
4. Identify one person who may be far from God and look for a natural opportunity to have a spiritual conversation or invite them into a relationship with Jesus.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to help you move beyond simply knowing *about* Him. Pray for a deep, personal relationship with God and a hunger to know Him more.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and revelation so you can recognize God's voice, understand His direction, and follow Him faithfully.
3. Pray that God would help you recognize the people around you who need to know Him. Ask Him to help you become more aware of opportunities to show the love of Jesus and share the hope you have in Him.
4. Ask Jesus to help you represent His kingdom wherever you go and for your words, actions, relationships, and choices to point people toward Him.

Leadership Tip

Encourage personal reflection before any discussion. This sermon deals with the difference between knowing *about* God and knowing God personally, so rather than immediately asking for everyone's thoughts, give the group a quiet minute to consider: "If someone looked at my life, what evidence would show that I personally know God?" Then invite people to share whatever they're comfortable sharing. This can move the conversation from discussing an idea to honestly examining their relationship with God.