

IN THE KNOW

CLOSER: A SERIES ON WORSHIP – PART 2

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Who is the most famous/known person that you know? Or that someone you are close to knows? (i.e. I have a friend who knows Tom Brady)

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- How true is that statement, “It not what you know, but who you know?”
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Who do you know *about* from history that you wish you knew *deeply*?
- What is the difference between knowing about someone and truly knowing them? What are the key differences?
- How do you get to know people? What has to happen for this “knowing” to take place?
- Paul knew a lot. Paul did a lot. Yet Paul wanted to know Christ more. What does this say about Paul? What does this say about Christ?
- Set a timer for 2 minutes. Thought storm everything you know *about* Jesus.
- What do you wish you knew about Jesus, but don’t? Don’t rush this.
- If you were closer to God, what would be different about you?
- Share a time when you felt God’s presence? What happened? What changed in your life? What did you no longer value as highly as you did before?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

Jesus. I know about you. I know you a little. I am ashamed at my satisfaction at only knowing you are little. Destroy my timidity and give me boldness to know you more! Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Fast and pray. Don’t talk about it. Do it. At least one meal this week. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you during that time.

James 4:8 (NIV)

⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Mark 12:30 (NIV)

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Philippians 3:4-14 (NIV)

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

⁷ But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

John 10:27 (NIV)

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.