

# KNOW GOD

## GROWTH TRACK – PART 1

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### START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What were some of the first things you remember “knowing” about God?

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### START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What were your first sources for learning information about God?
- Who are some of the people in your life you tell “knew God” personally and not just intellectually? What did you see or experience that made you think they “knew God” or a closer level than you?

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### START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- Describe the start of your relationship with God. When you first moved past “knowing about God” and started the journey of “knowing Him.”
- What hurdles did you have to overcome to start pursuing God as a person to be known, and not just a power to be obeyed? Mental obstacles? Philosophical? Religious? Ethical?
- Pastor Mark shared Tim Keller’s definition of the gospel. Which part was hardest for you to accept: Your sinfulness, or God’s love? Why do you think that is?

*The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope. – Tim Keller*

- To what do you attribute the growth in your relationship with God?

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### START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, thank you for letting me call you that. Your willingness to be known, and not just obeyed, changes my heart. Will you please draw my heart to yours, so I can know you even more? Remind me the searching out the depths of knowing You is a greatest goal I can ever pursue. Amen.

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

- If you’ve not yet been baptized since you’ve chosen to follow Christ, tell the group now. Ask them to support you in this step of obedience.
- Spend more time seeking God, and less time asking of God, in prayer this week.

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### SCRIPTURES

#### ***Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)***

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, **so that you may know him better.***

#### ***Philippians 3:10 (NIV)***

*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,*