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WORKBOOK

DAY ONE

KNOWING GOD

We have studied the importance of knowing God. In fact, knowing God is the single most important thing in your life! How so? First, faith and knowledge of God are indelibly linked together. The more you know and experience God, the greater your faith will be. And even more than that, the more we know of Him, the more we become like Him.

1. Read Psalm 9:10. What two facts does this verse tell us?

1.

2.

2. Read Ephesians 1:17. What does Paul ask God to grant to us in this prayer?

3. The last thing Paul emphasizes in Colossians 1:10 is knowing God better and better. How does Paul say we can do this?

4. Read Philippians 3:10. In your own words, write out what you think Paul means by what he is saying in this verse.

5. What does John 1:18 tell us Jesus came to do?

DAY TWO

GOD AS FATHER

The Old Testament gives us fifteen different names for God. But in the New Testament, He has just one: Father. He takes great pleasure in being a Father to us. Unfortunately, to many, the word “father” does not have a good, positive connotation. Therefore, it’s important that we build the proper conception of God as Father from the Bible.

1. In a short paragraph, describe the first picture that comes to mind when you think of the word "God."

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2. Does the word “father” bring you a sense of pleasure and a positive emotional response?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:18. What does God tell us in this verse?

4. Read Ephesians 4:6. Who did the apostle Paul consider God to be?

5. Read John 14:2 and John 14:8-15. Did Jesus consider God to be His Father? How do you know?

DAY THREE

PUTTING A FACE ON GOD

Most people already have some perception of God. And that perception they hold is the “face” that they put on God. What kind of face have you put on God? Have you drawn your perception of God from your earthly father? We will use this exercise to see who God really is, from a Biblical perspective.

1. Read Psalm 8:3–6. Would you say that this reflects God’s attitude toward you? Can you receive this personally?

2. Read what David says about God in Psalm 139:17. Are God’s thoughts “precious” to you? Why or why not? What do you imagine that God “thinks” about?

3. What does Zephaniah 3:17 say God does over you? What does “exult” mean?

4. Read Romans 8:32. How deeply would you say that God loves you? How can you tell?

5. Based on Romans 8:32, summarize what God is to you. What kind of face do you see now?

DAY FOUR

INTIMACY WITH GOD

“Intimacy” can mean different things to different people. But intimacy usually involves bonding, loving, caring, loyalty, talking, and compassion—among other things. Today we will seek to answer: Is it possible to have intimacy with God?

1. Read Romans 5:5. In this verse, the words “poured out” mean “to flow profusely.” (Picture water bursting forth from a geyser or over a waterfall.) Where does our intimacy with God come from?

2. Read James 4:8-10. What do you think James means when he says, “draw near to God”?

3. From this passage, list at least five ways that we can draw near to God.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

4. Is it possible to be intimate with a person without talking with them? How often do you talk to God? How consistent is your time with Him?

5. What does Jesus tell us about Himself in Matthew 11:28-30?

6. Can a Christian be truly intimate with God if they are doing things that God disapproves of? Why or why not?

DAY FIVE

GOD'S SECRETS TO INTIMACY

1. Read Luke 6:46–48. In verse 47, Jesus lists three things that a person must do to be wise. In your own words, write out those three things.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. In Romans 12:1–2 Paul urges us to do two things, one in the positive and one in the negative. What are these two things?

1. _____

2. _____

3. In Romans 12:1, what does the word “present” mean?

6. Read Galatians 4:6-7. Would you say that you are a slave to the world, or God's own child? What does it mean to be God's child? That is, what are some of the benefits of being adopted into God's family?

7. The word "Abba" in verse 6 literally means "Da-Da" or "Daddy." What does it mean to have God as your "Daddy"? Are you able to picture yourself in that kind of mutual, loving, caring relationship with Him? If not, why not?
