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VIDEO #2 – KNOWING.

Life with Jesus is more than knowing about Him, its truly knowing Him!

OVERVIEW

Life with Jesus is more than knowing about Him, it's truly knowing and experiencing Him in everyday life. In this Life Series video Zane shows how studying the Bible is one of the key ways we grow in knowing Jesus and the fullness of joy that comes from truly knowing Him. This Life Series video is meant to help you experience the difference between just knowing about the Jesus of the Bible, and truly knowing Jesus in life, as He is revealed through the Bible.

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OBJECTIVES

By the end of this discussion it is our hope and prayer that everyone knows the following Truths:

- **THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD AND REVEALS WHO HE IS, HIS LIFE-GIVING PLANS FOR US, AND HIS TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE.**
- **JUST LIKE WITH ALL RELATIONSHIPS, A CRITICAL PART OF LOVING GOD IS EXPERIENCING THE JOY OF CONTINUALLY KNOWING HIM BETTER.**
- **GOD HAS GIVEN US MANY AVENUES OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT HIM AND IN ALL OF THEM WE SHOULD SEEK TO NOT JUST KNOW ABOUT HIM BUT KNOW HIM PERSONALLY.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

After watching the video by yourself or as a group, please go through the following discussion/reflection questions to help these truths sink into your heart and mind. These questions are simply meant to guide you, so feel free to go off script and do not feel pressure to “get through” all the questions, they are simply meant to generate discussion and draw you closer to Jesus. Also, at the end of this section there will be some follow-up activities to help put these concepts into practice.

Objective #1 – The Bible is God’s Word and reveals who He is, His life-giving plans for us, and His Truth that sets us free.

Q: What is something that you would consider yourself to be knowledgeable about? How did you get knowledgeable about that subject?

Deep Thought: Have you ever developed an interest in a subject and then your interest turned into a passion, where you found yourself wanting to get to know that subject, sport, instrument, or hobby better? The same is true of God! Once we truly grasp how much God loves us, when we think about how Jesus died in our place on the cross for our sins, then we can’t help but want to get to know God better! It takes time, but the reward is totally worth it!

Read John 8:31-32.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32 ESV)

Q: One of the marks of being a disciple of Jesus is abiding in His Word. What does it mean to abide in His Word? How is this different than simply knowing His Word?

Q: How does the Truth bring freedom to our lives?

Q: How have you personally experienced freedom from the truth of God’s Word? Where do you need to embrace His truth to see freedom in places you are bound?

Read 2nd Timothy 3:16-17.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2nd Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)

Q: In what ways, based on these verses, does the Word of God help us to learn to live life like Jesus? Come up with an example from the Bible of each one of these different ways.

Objective #2 – Just like with all relationships, a critical part of Loving God is experiencing the joy of continually knowing Him better.

Read Philippians 3:8-10a.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings... (Apostle Paul, Philippians 3:8-10a ESV)

Note: In this passage the Apostle Paul is writing to the Church at Philippi describing his own personal relationship with Jesus, both what it means and how it has impacted his life! It is a truly inspiring description for each one of us, especially coming from someone that at one time persecuted and imprisoned Christians.

Q: How important was it to the Apostle Paul to know Jesus and grow in that knowledge? What was he willing to do to continue to grow in that knowledge?

Q: Why did the Apostle Paul place such an importance on knowing Jesus and being in relationship with Him?

Q: The Apostle Paul also describes two specific ways that he desired to grow in his knowledge of Jesus, including the “power of His resurrection” and “share in (know experientially) His sufferings”. What does Paul mean by this? Why would this be important to him and also to us?

Q: How does this inspire you to grow in the experience and joy of knowing Jesus more? What does this mean for you practically?

Objective #3 – God has given us many avenues of learning more about him and in all of them we should seek to not just know about him but know him personally.

Q: What are some different ways you can think to grow in your knowledge of who God is and how to live like Jesus (i.e. Sermons, Bible Study...)? Think of as many as you can.

Read Psalms 1:1-4.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. (Psalms 1:1-4 ESV)

Q: What does it mean to meditate day and night? How is this different than reading a book or listening to a sermon?

Q: What is the stated benefit of meditating on and delighting in God's Truth? Are there consequences to meditating on or being surrounded by words and thoughts opposed to God's Truth?

Q: How do you typically learn best (reading, discussing, hands-on, etc...)? How would you apply your preferred learning style(s) to faith related matters?

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE

The following is a series of activities that you can do to help take the ideas you learned in this video and discussion and apply them to your life!

Activity #1 – Pick 1 verse to memorize this week. Possible verses include: John 10:10, Hebrews 4:12, Psalm 1:1-4 (Go big!), or a verse that has been impactful for you.

Activity #2 – Did you know you could read through the entire Bible in just 15 minutes per day. Plan to spend 15 minutes each day (morning or evening) reading the Bible. Consider starting in the book of John.