



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of November 7 & 8, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Galatians 4:8-11

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Summary

Prior to becoming Christians, Paul reminds the Galatians that they were all enslaved to “weak and worthless” things that were not gods at all. However, upon conversion, they came to know God and to be known by Him. This “knowing” is more than an intellectual acknowledgment that something is real. “Knowing” God is an intimate, loving, personal relationship. Truly knowing God and being known by Him, changes everything for the Christian.

Discussion Questions

1. Prior to becoming a Christian, what kinds of “weak and worthless” things were you enslaved to? What did you seek to “worship” - i.e. what did you look to, what did you sacrifice so much for, in order to give your life purpose, meaning and fulfillment?
2. What is the difference between knowing about someone, and actually knowing that person? What about you, how well do you *know* God? Do you know all about God and can talk about Him because you've studied the Bible? Or do you *really know Him* in intimate, personal, loving relationship?

3. In the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), the two sons' outward appearance was very different. One son left home and lived a hedonistic immoral life, squandering his inheritance. The other lived a respectable obedient life, never leaving his father. Though very differently outwardly, how were the two sons very similar in the way they viewed their father? What does this story teach you about how Christians ought to "know" God, their heavenly Father?
4. What does it mean to be "known by God"? Why is it important that the Christian is known by God, *before* the Christian can know God? How does this order of God knowing us before we can know Him, comfort the believer and, as Pastor Dan said, "fuel the Christian life"?
5. The Apostle John referred to himself not as "John", but as "the disciple whom Jesus loved". He knew that being loved by Christ characterized himself more than even his own name! How does a true knowledge of God as well as a deep understanding that God knows you and gave Himself for you change everything for the true believer?