



## Searching for God

Week 2: 'Do I Know You?'

There is more to knowing God than simply knowing facts about him.

### Philippians 3:7-11

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Have you ever had the chance to meet a childhood hero, a favorite actor/singer, or someone else that you truly admire? Standing in the presence of someone like that often feels surreal. I've had the chance to meet a few of my childhood heroes, and I usually come away thinking something along the lines of: "Wow, they seemed taller on TV."

When we meet our heroes, we have the chance to see that despite their accomplishments and accolades, they're merely human, just like us. Despite the awards they win, the number of fans they inspire, and the trophies that clutter up their mantles, they're just people like you and me, and in many (though certainly not in all) cases, we actually have very little in common with them.

Conversely, the God of the universe created you in his image, and he invites us - really, he implores us - to get to know him intimately and personally.

I know quite a bit of trivia about some of the men/women whose autographs decorate my office. But in a real conversation with them, those facts wouldn't take me very far. I know about them objectively, but not personally.

God, however, has made it possible for us to know him through Jesus, his son, through the reading/study of his word. We are therefore behooved and challenged to know about God than simply trivial facts, but we are instead invited to know his character. And since it's his life and image that animate us, getting to know him reveals more to us about ourselves than we might otherwise imagine.

This week we'll talk about what it means to know God personally/intimately, rather than to simply know facts about him. The latter might equip us to win a biblical trivia game, the former enables us to have an intimate relationship with the God who desired you so much that he put forth the effort to create you, and to redeem you by way of his son, Jesus.

# Prayer Requests



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\*\*A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.



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Sunday School - 0  
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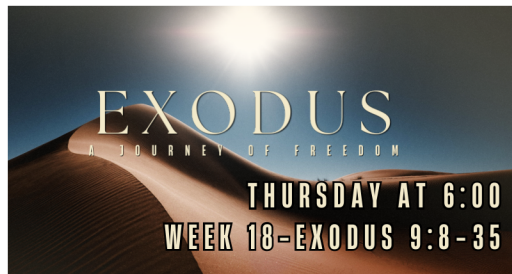
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