



A God Worth Knowing

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Last year, we began the year talking about one of the most important truths in life.

Genesis 1 teaches us God is a relational being

Genesis 2 teaches us He created us to be relational beings

Genesis 3 teaches us every issue we have is a relational issue, either between me and you or me and God

Nothing's changed; last year, we focused on the issues between me and you. This year - between me and God.

Two Issues to Overcome

1. Many of us have wrong perceptions of God
 - traffic cop - waiting to pull you over and cite you.
 - mad scientist - experimenting with the universe.
 - angry father - who doesn't relate to me
 - old grandpa - that wants to put everyone on His lap, and will ultimately let everyone into Heaven.
2. We settle for a shallow relationship

If you really love someone, is it okay to be shallow with them?

For example:

- Spouse
- Children
- Extended family

The Bible tells us God is worth knowing

1. No one like Him Isaiah 44:6-7
2. Awesome Isaiah 6; Revelation 1:17
3. His perfect love Romans 8:31-35
4. I will be blessed Psalm 111:10; Prov. 1:7
5. He alone can forgive me and give me new life Acts 4:12
6. He loved me first Eph. 2:4-5
7. He knows everything about me Psalm 139

Listen who the Bible tells us our God is:

Adonai = The Lord / our total authority

El = The Strong one

Elohim = The All Powerful Creator God

El Olam = The eternal God

El Roi = The God who sees me

El Shaddai = The All Sufficient One

Immanuel = God with us

Jehovah = The Self-Existent One

Jehovah-Jireh = The One who provides

Questions:

How would you describe your relationship and knowledge of God?

What's to be gained or lost in getting to know or failing to get to know God?

What makes Getting to know God difficult? What makes it easy?

How would you describe God to your family and friends?

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HOW TO HAVE A QUIET TIME

The goal of a quiet time is to get to know God, His Word and how He wants us to live.

Preparation

1. Set a time to regularly gathering with God
 - Early Morning
 - Mid-day
 - Evening

2. Use a good easy to read study Bible
 - ESV Study Bible is a good place to start

3. Read a chapter at a sitting
 - Proverbs is a great place to start
 - One of the Gospels

4. Get a binder and jot down some notes and questions
 - Don't be afraid to write in your Bible

- Write down what you sensed was important
- Write down what you think the author felt was important

5. Answer some important questions

- What happened?
- What is being stressed?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a command to be obeyed?
- Is there an application for my life?
- Is there an action I need to take?

6. Meditate on what you've sensed

7. Pray

8. Share with someone

9. Keep your notes in a file

10. Revisit your notes at the end of each week to see what God is impressing upon you.