

# Knowing God Week 2

## God Time – Knowing God By Knowing You

These scriptures are selected to help you gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. You can read them each day or listen to the daily audio that is sent to you. They are intentionally designed for you to engage in your time alone with God. You will find them complementary to the teachings on the weekend (gatherings) and to the LIFE Group materials.

Some tips:

Use a Bible that is easy to read. The ESV or The NLT are both good translations.

Use a prayer journal. After you read the passages jot down what “jumped out” at you while reading. Then take a few minutes to write a prayer response to what you have read.

There are only five days of reading provided, so if you miss a day, you have time to catch up. Do not get legalistic! If you miss a day or even a week, God still loves you!

Monday: Genesis 1: 26-27

Tuesday: Genesis 2:18-25

Wednesday: Galatians 3:26-29

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 4:10

Friday: Ephesians 5:24-25

## Diving Deeper

Knowing God from the Start – Knowing God by Knowing You

**1 John 1:8-10: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we**

**claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.**

Have you ever wondered why relationships have to be so difficult? Why is communication in a relationship always a struggle? Why do our friendships sometimes end in ways we regret? Why is parenting both full of joy and full of frustration? Relationships are hard. (Ok, that's obvious.) But God isn't silent on this topic. In fact in Genesis, God shows us exactly why relationships are so tough. It's all summed up in one word. Sin.

Sin fractures relationships by inserting question marks where Jesus put periods.

Jesus says, "You are loved."

Sin says, "How could anyone love you?"

Jesus says, "You are free to sacrifice for others."

Sin says, "What if they abuse your kindness?"

The result of sin is felt in our relationships on a daily basis. We see broken marriages, strained family relationships, and friends betraying each other so commonly that we become numb to the devastation around us.

The good news is that the shadow of sin proves the sunlight of Jesus. The brokenness of our relationships points us to our need to a healer. In Jesus we find the one place where relationships are healed not by sweeping problems under the rug but by bringing sin into the light. Redemption and healing comes to our life when we accept that Jesus is the only one who can break the grip of sin over our relationships.

- 1) Do you believe that you fully know yourself? Do you think knowing yourself fully is possible?
  
- 2) What has been the most difficult sin for you to let go of ? What's held you back from bringing that sin into the healing light of Jesus?

- 3) Take a few minutes to list a few relationships you desire to see God bring healing to in your life. It could be a friend, a family member, or someone from your past.