



More of God

Discussion Guide

January 7, 2018

Ephesians 2:15-19

Questions for Study

** Before you begin discussing these questions, read through Ephesians 1:15-19 as a group.

1. Think of someone you know well in a personal way. How has knowing this person shaped your life in positive ways? What sorts of things have you done to cultivate a close personal relationship?
2. How is knowing a lot *about* someone (e.g. a well-known athlete or movie star that you follow from a distance) different from having a deep *personal* knowledge of someone (e.g. a close friend, spouse, or family member)?
3. In Ephesians 1:17, Paul prays that the people he's writing to might "know God better." How does understanding the difference between knowing *about* someone and having a *personal* relationship with someone help you understand how we should seek to know God better?
4. Look closely at Ephesians 1:17. According to Paul, is that verse what is needed for you to know God better? What does this mean for the way you live your life?
5. Are there practical things you've done that have helped you get to know God better in a personal way? Share any practical steps that have helped you, and what you've learned about God.
6. Look at Ephesians 1:18-19, where we see additional truths that go along with knowing God better – including hope, belonging, and God's "incomparably great power for us who believe." What stands out to you about any of these things? Explain.
7. Choose one of the truths (see previous question) that accompany knowing God better. How does knowing God better help lead to this additional truth?
8. We can ALWAYS be getting to know God better. This is something followers of Jesus can keep pursuing and growing in your whole life (and all of eternity!). What is the danger of forgetting this truth?
9. How can you "lean in" to knowing God more in 2018? What practical steps can you take as you pursue knowing God better?
10. **Challenge:** Memorize Ephesians 1:17: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.