

***Connection Equipping Academy exists to equip followers of Jesus to do God's work in the World***

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**Growing In Knowing God**

**Topic // Scripture**

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**OVERVIEW**

As we seek to grow in knowing God, we have explored His attributes as an essential foundation. We want to expound on the practical ways this knowledge of God strengthens us in daily life. For our next sessions, we will see the distinct roles of discipleship and evangelism, Scripture, prayer, the local church, and family all deepen our knowledge of God and breathe life into the purposes God has planned for our lives and His kingdom.

**Scriptures mentioned:**

Romans and Gospel of John

Galatians 2 and 3

2 Peter 3:16

Deuteronomy 31

**INTRODUCTION**

In this session, we highlight Scripture in how we can grow in knowing God personally.

**Reminders**

- You cannot separate God and His power from His Word.
- Spiritual discipline leads us to spiritual delight (and vice versa)!
- Time is your most precious commodity and gift.
- Jesus Himself is the Word of God. As I read the Word of God, I am experiencing and growing in my relationship with the Word, Who is Jesus.
- Jesus already knows our struggles to grasp and our need for help and guidance; there is no condemnation in that need and the Holy Spirit is in us to guide us.

**Words of Encouragement**

- The interpretive lens through which we read must be through God Himself and His Son. God is the author and throughout the Old and New Testaments, He is leading us to Jesus.
- You are not alone - the Holy Spirit is in you and will lead you into all truth to help you interpret it to find Jesus.

- Use the following page to take note of anything that stands out to you to meditate and pray about.

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In the following pages, choose one application at a time to pray about and explore with God as you seek to deepen your love and relationship with Him and with others. Work your way through the list over time and don't try to "accomplish" the list at once.

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION for reading Scripture**

**Application 1** - The most important question that we can seek is "Who is Jesus?"

It may be beneficial to begin with the gospel of John to see how much your understanding and awe of Jesus increases.

**Application 2** - Is reading Scripture a daily part of your life?

If so, reflect and ask God to show you the specific ways that His Word has guided you and enriched your love for Him.

If not, what specifically is hindering you from reading God's Word?

**Application 3** - What things can you do to make Scripture reading a daily discipline? (Reading plan, accountability partner, adjusting routines, etc.) Remember that discipline and delight partner together and God uses both to guide us to Him.

**Application 4** - Are we making decisions each day to give us time for Scripture? What are some things we can rearrange in our lives to make sure we do allow ourselves time for Scripture reading?

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION for applying Scripture**

**Application 5** - Prayer before reading is an essential and comforting step to engage with God and His grace. Ask God to prepare you to read it and then for His truth to take root, building genuine faith as you become faithful doer of the Word.

- A. Be after knowing God instead of trying to please Him. Find your delight in Him; He already delights in you and has given His Son in order to reveal Himself to you!
- B. Be intentional about stirring your own affections for Jesus. Reflect, praise Him, and ask for His love for Himself to be poured into your heart. Eventually, your emotion will catch up to your obedience, and sometimes the obedience will fuel your motivation to bond to the Word.

**Application 6** - Whom can you seek out to walk with you to learn the interpretation and application of Scripture? Who might benefit from your encouragement and guidance as they seek the Lord in His Word?