

Tea & Truth

Session 1: Knowing God



Section 1: Knowing God:

1. God makes himself known in _____.
 - a. Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
 - b. Romans 1:19-20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
 - c. DISCUSSION: How do you see God revealed in creation?
2. God makes himself known in _____.
 - a. Romans 12:4-5 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
 - b. DISCUSSION: What attributes of God have been made visible through another brother or sister in the faith?
3. God makes himself known in _____.
 - a. 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence
 - b. Read the Bible as a book about God.
 - i. What does this passage reveal about God's nature?
 - ii. How does it demonstrate His power, wisdom, or authority?
 - iii. In what ways does this text challenge or encourage my understanding of God?
 - c. As your understanding of God grows, consider how you're called to respond.
 - i. Am I commanded to reflect this quality of God in my own life?
 - ii. Do I need to confess when I fail to reflect this attribute?
 - iii. Do I need to confess when I attempt to mimic God in ways not intended?
 - d. DISCUSSION: How has God's character revealed itself to you during your reading? What passages of scripture have been challenging to see God's character?
4. God makes himself known in _____.
 - a. John 10:14-15 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

- b. John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- c. DISCUSSION: How has Jesus' life, death, and resurrection revealed God's attributes to you? Which attributes of God have been a comfort to you? Which attributes have challenged your thinking? Of these ways of knowing God, where do you find it easiest/hardest to pursue knowing him?

5. Knowing God with:

- a. Our Minds: What does it look like to know God solely with our minds?
 - i. What do you think are some dangers of knowing God only with our minds?
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 8:1-2 Knowledge puffs up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.
 - iii. Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- b. Our Hearts: What does it look like to know God solely with our hearts?
 - i. Psalms 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- c. DISCUSSION: Are you more likely to rely on solely knowing God with your mind or your heart? How has that temptation proved dangerous in your spiritual life?

Section 2: Scripture Memory

- 1. Daniel 11:32 He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.
 - 1. God
 - 2. Know
- 2. DISCUSSION: Who do you know God to be? Can you share a time when you have thought of God wrongly? In what ways have you held a limited view of God's character?