

Sermon Notes

September 17, 2017 -- 1 John 1:1-7

Experiencing God:

To Know God is to Experience God!

To Know God:

- To 'know' in the _____ takes on a more _____ feel to it.
- To 'know' in the _____ language, to know someone is a much more _____ feel to it.

*"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one **knows** who the Son is except the Father, and no one **knows** who the Father is except the Son..." (Luke 10:22)*

Some Christians have moved from the _____ "knowing" God to the _____ "knowing" God... while others remain at a _____ distance.

As Christians, our _____ should be to have a degree of separation with God of _____, you know God _____.

- As people seek to know God more _____, their degree of separation with God should become _____.

Bearing fruit _____ and _____ God is the ultimate expression of _____ for God.

- Jesus says in John 15:5 *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man _____ in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; _____ from me you can do nothing."*
- We don't bear fruit _____, we bear fruit _____ Jesus.

[Sermon Note Answers: Greek, academic, Hebrew, intimate, Greek, Hebrew, Greek, focus, one, personally, one, for, with, love, remains, apart, alone, with]

Being with Jesus

MONDAY– Acts 4:5-13

The Jewish Priest are upset about those proclaiming Jesus’ name. Peter and John are arrested, interrogated for healing a man and an observation is made.

- When Peter speaks about the power, what power does he refer to? It is cool how in just a few sentences Peter explains the whole gospel.
- In verse 13 what two observations do the Priests make? So how can you spend more time with Jesus so others will know, “you were with Jesus.”

Thanking God for the Spirit

TUESDAY – John 14:23-27

Spending time with Jesus is important to our spiritual growth, so Jesus tells us it is the Holy Spirit who will be our teacher so we can know God intimately.

- How does Jesus say we show love to God? And when we love God, who comes and makes their home in us? Who does God send to be with us? What purpose does the Spirit come? Thank God for the Holy Spirit today.

With or Without the Spirit

WEDNESDAY – 2 Corinthians 2:6-16

In speaking to the Corinthian church, Paul reminds them that God’s wisdom is not the world’s wisdom. Only by the Spirit is God’s wisdom revealed.

- What does today’s wisdom amount to? What is the main source through which God reveals wisdom today?
- How does the Spirit of God bring about wisdom from the Bible? Make sure you invite the Spirit of God into your life each day, starting today.

Jesus is the Way

THURSDAY – John 14:5-7

Jesus tells the disciples he will be going to his Father’s house to prepare a room for them, i.e., Jesus is leaving soon. Thomas asks where and how to get there.

- Jesus states 3 important things, what are they? If Jesus is the way, truth and life, what does that mean for your life? So to get to really know the Father, we have to know Jesus. Thank Jesus for revealing all we need to know God.

What is God’s Will

FRIDAY – John 5:16-20

Jesus was called to account for healing on the Sabbath. In his answer he reveals how he knows what to do and when to do it. He knows his Father’s will.

- It is true we are to follow Jesus as our example. Who does Jesus follow? So in following the Father’s example, he is operating in God’s will. So if we truly follow Jesus, are we following God’s will? Thank God for Jesus today.

God is The Potter

SATURDAY – Jeremiah 18:1-6

Jeremiah is told by God to observe the potter and then tells him he is the potter.

- To be in God’s will we must recognize that God is the potter and we are what? To be good clay we must be moldable and not stiff and unrelenting.
- Where in your life can you be better clay for God? How might God be calling you to give a little more in your life for Him? Thank the potter today.