

Potential Discussion Questions

Message: Know God Experientially (1-28-18)

1. When a person talks about experiencing God I deal with both excitement and apprehension. How about you? What does it mean to you to "experience God"? How can it be confused and even abused?
2. How would you explain the difference between knowing God propositionally (truths about Him) versus experientially?
3. Do you find it easier to learn things about God or to truly know Him in your experience? Why?
4. How do you know God with your whole being? How might you develop it?
5. What specific practices help you get beyond the superficial knowledge of God? How do you (or would you like to) work your observations and reflections about God into your relationship with Him? Can you share an example?
6. Take Psalm 63, or another similar Psalm of David, and share your insights on how David processes his knowledge of God into life. Note both what he says and does not say.
7. If you have access to it, listen to the song, *Blessings*, by Laura Story. How does this song demonstrate the processing of her experience of God into life?
8. Which of the four benefits of growing in relational knowledge resonates most with you? Why?
9. Make your own list of what God loves (delights in) and hates. Talk about your discoveries. What do you learn? How are you encouraged or challenged?
10. What would you like to discuss in this study that hasn't already been addressed?
11. What is a specific way you feel prompted to develop your relational knowledge of God?
12. What is your best take-away from this study? How would you like others to pray for you?