



MOVING ON - KNOWING CHRIST 09-15-2024

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online,**

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Opening Prayer: Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how to know Christ in a deeper way.

WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verse for the week: Matthew 18: 22

Ice-breaker Q: Q: With all the distractions and busyness of our lives (e.g., social media, pursuit of wealth, self-love, etc.), how do we prioritize our spiritual growth (prayer, devotions, worship, sharing our faith, serving the Lord) in our daily routine?

WORD(30-45 MINS) Text: Philippians 3:10-14

Intro:

1. Paul had a clear goal in life – vv. 10-11

The Apostle Paul's ultimate goal in life was to fully know who Christ is! "Know" in Greek is "ginóskō," which means "to know, especially through personal experience or encounter." This involves experiencing the power of His resurrection and understanding the purpose of His resurrection, which proves that Jesus is the only Savior of the world who paid the ultimate price for our redemption.

Q: What does it mean to "know Christ," and how can we get to know Him better?

Q: How can you make knowing Christ a part of your daily routine? What practical steps can you take to grow closer to Him?

Q: What do you think could be the possible results of pursuing a deeper and more intimate relationship with Christ?

Application: Before we can move beyond "being stuck," we first need to know Jesus Christ. Everything starts with knowing Him. When we discover Christ as Lord and Savior, we begin heading in the right direction and stop going around in circles—chasing temporary pleasures, wealth, fame, and other things that don't hold true value.

2. Paul didn't settle for anything less than the fullness of God's call – vv. 12

Paul is saying in this verse, "I am aggressively chasing, like a hunter; I am earnestly desiring what Christ has for me!" Jesus Christ didn't just die on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins for us to stop with that understanding. We are all called by God to know Christ and to make Him known, a calling we all share.

Q: Are we deepening our knowledge of Christ each day and growing closer to Him?

Q: Is our relationship with Him bearing fruit, such as increasing love, forgiveness, kindness, and leading others to Christ?

Q: Do you think there's more to discover in our relationship with God, or are we already satisfied with the fact that we are going to heaven?

Leader's Tips:

- S - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.
- P - Participation is encouraged.
- A - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.
- C - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.
- E - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

3. He was relentless in His heavenly pursuit – vv.13-14

When Paul surrendered his life to Christ, he went through a lot. He endured trials and persecutions. Yet, neither hardship stopped him from pursuing his ultimate goal to know Christ as fully as possible. This was Paul's relentless pursuit. Paul was intentional in fully knowing Christ to the very end. Nothing can stop him.

Q: What about us, are we pursuing the same things in life or are we growing in our knowledge of Christ?

Q: What are you currently pursuing in life? Are these pursuits aligned with knowing Christ deeply?

Q: We live in a world of many distractions (e.g., pursuit of success, wealth, fame, temporary pleasures) that can divert us from our true goal – knowing Christ, what practical things can we do to overcome these distractions?

Reflection (10 mins)

Q: Is there a personal goal or pursuit that we need to surrender to Christ that we think is hindering us in our pursuit of God's plan and purpose for our lives?

Q: What do you think the Lord wants you to pursue as far as your life goals, your future or maybe your calling in life is concerned?

Conclusion:

Many of us may find ourselves in a state of spiritual stagnation today...asking.. is there more to life than this? If you have not yet surrendered your life to Christ as your Lord and Savior, today is a new beginning to discover God's amazing plan and purpose for your life. Knowing Christ is a journey. May we all continue to press on in knowing Christ and making Him known as our ultimate goal in life. Let us pray.

What is your take-away from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?"

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.
Y- Yearn to share your faith with someone during the week.