



The Heart of Jesus
Week 1 – “A Prayer of Glorification”
Member Guide

OPENING QUESTIONS:

1. Whether you are married, or single, think back to when you were dating. What kinds of questions did you ask? What did you do to get to know the other person better?
2. In Hebrew, the word “*yada*” or “know”, carries a much stronger and more intimate meaning than what is often understood today. What do you think it means to truly know someone?
3. On a scale of 1-10, how well do you feel you know the heart of God and why?
4. Why do you believe God wants us to know Him more deeply? What qualities, or characteristics, separate a surface level relationship from an intimate one?
5. What does it look like in your everyday life to move from simply knowing about God to truly knowing Him?

READ JOHN 17:1-5

- What is the *context* behind the prayer that Jesus prays over his disciples in John 17?
 - What parts of this opening to Jesus’ prayer stick out to you? How would you describe the heart of Jesus in these few verses?
 - In J.I. Packer’s book, “Knowing God”, he says, “*Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.*” Do you agree/disagree? Why, or why not? Do you have any example of this playing out in your own life spiritually or practically?
 - Listen to some of King David’s final words to his son in 1 Chronicles 28:9. “As for you, my son Solomon, *know* the God of your father and serve him with a whole heart and a willing mind.” How did you see David in Scripture being a man who sought to know the Lord?
 - What are things you do during the week to grow in your relationship with the Lord? What has been most helpful?
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REFLECTION

- Take time this week to reflect on Scripture and all the Christ has accomplished and the implications behind those accomplishments. Make a list to bring to group to share!
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DIGGING DEEPER TESTIMONY

- It is not uncommon for believers to wrestle with their faith. Why is this? There can be a variety of reasons, but so often when we think about our testimony it can revolve around us and NOT what Christ did. Take some time this week to write out a short 3-5 minute written testimony (*do not need to go into the weeds for this – Before Christ/How you met Christ/What He is doing*). Frame your testimony with as many “God statements” as possible to take the focus off you and on Jesus.