

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17 & John 4:1-26 Series: Knowing God #1
Singing: 395:1-4 – 123:1 – 323:1-4 – 94:1-4 – 306:1-4

A. Take note of God's searching question and amazing invite!

*Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in Me,
that they are gone far from me,
and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? (Jeremiah 2:5)*

*O my people, what have I done unto thee?
And wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against Me! (Micah 6:3)*

B. Take heed of God's warning: *We become what we worship!* (Jer. 2:5b)

1. Since Paradise's dreadful turn on God, we stumble in the dark! (Is. 59:10)
 - a. our thoughts of God are too human and wrong (Ps. 50:11)
 - b. our understanding of God remains limited (Job 11:7-8; Is. 40:12-14)

C. Why focus on 'getting to know God?'

1. Because knowing God is the most unknown cure of us sinners (2 Cor. 3:18)
2. Because nothing so comforts than to know God (John 17:3)

JESUS REVEALS GOD THE FATHER

I. As the seeking Father II. As the Father seeking our worship

I. JESUS REVEALS GOD THE FATHER AS A SEEKING FATHER

A. Jesus is the revelation of God the Father: John 1:14, 18

1. John saw in Jesus the glory of God: *full of grace and truth*
2. John saw in Jesus the invisible glory of God's bosom-thoughts (vs. 18)
 - a. no one has ever seen God (Ex 33:13, 18 – 34:9)
 - b. yet in Jesus God gave His Name 'flesh and bone' (John 1:14)
 - compare Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:1-3 – John 14:9

B. What Jesus reveals is most astonishing: *He is a seeking Father!*

1. Jesus 'going through Samaria' is the Father seeking!
 - a. His disciples were aghast about *His route* (John 4:4)
2. Jesus' dealings with the woman is the *GOSPEL* of the seeking Father
 - a. He treated *women* with respect
 - b. He purposely engaged her instead of avoiding her (vs. 7-14)

C. What is Jesus revealing to us today through this Scripture?

1. The Father is *seeking you* **before we seek Him**

II. JESUS REVEALS THE FATHER SEEKS YOUR WORSHIP

A. Worship is our *response to something that you find 'worthy'*

B. Jesus reveals that *the Father seeks your worship*

1. He seeks your *worship in spirit & in truth*
2. Worship is the appropriate response to what God reveals to us
 - a. Worship is *giving* instead of *getting*
 - b. The Father seeks (and deserves) your *worship*
3. Worship of Father is expressed in various forms or responses
 - a. response of awe – astonishment – adoration
 - b. response of confession of our horrid deeds
 - c. response of repentance – turning away from sins
 - d. response of trusting or receiving His Son as the offered Lamb

Finally: Wrestle in prayer with the truths of Eph. 1:17

... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.

FOR THE FAMILY OR PERSONAL REFLECTION ...

1. With a concordance, explore the words 'know the Lord' in the OT.
2. Write down for yourself *how* you view God's character. Think about how this view influences you as you open your Bibles each day?
3. Discuss or ponder the statement, "It is not how much we *get* out of our devotions but what we *give* in our devotions that matters."
4. Before we can truly 'give to God' we still need first to 'get from God.' What do we need to get in order to give Him the worship He is entitled to receive? How does this need reflect itself in our prayer? Scan through Ps. 119 to locate verses that give directions on how and what to pray.
5. Why was Spurgeon right when he said that 'the unknown cure of fallen man is the knowledge of God?'