



“The Answer is KNOW”

Fall Circle Groups | Introductory Week

***Leader Note:** This season, we are simplifying the format to allow for organic group discussion. We will keep God’s word central but will allow room for leaders to flex their facilitating muscles. Let’s get ready for a great conversation!*

OPEN IN PRAYER & ICEBREAKER

MESSAGE SUMMARY

To become the committed core of the church of the Body of Christ, we must embrace the process of growing deep in the things of God. In our quest to have a closer relationship with The Holy Trinity, we must seek to understand the many attributes of God, so that we can get to **KNOW** His power, love, and protection for us. This week, we will discuss the importance of developing a spiritual relationship with God which involves spending real time getting to **KNOW** Him, learning who we are in God, and how to become vulnerable in His presence through the Holy Spirit. God will shelter us from our enemy until we are strengthened in our relationship with Him, but we must do the work to develop true intimacy with Him through Jesus Christ. Let’s get started!

Key Scripture:

- Philippians 3:7 (Personal Sacrifice)
- Philippians 3:12 (Christ-Like)
- Psalm 51:10 (Renew spirit)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Point #1: In the beginning of our relationship with God it is so vital for us to understand that we are NOT perfect. To embrace the acceptance of our imperfections, we must understand we were all made in the image of God and must seek to begin the process of developing the Christ-like attributes Him: Loving, Holy, Kind, Patience and Forgiving.

- **Read Philippians 3:7** “But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ” **Does living a life of perfection affect your relationship with God? If so, what can you do to accept that God is perfect in your weakness?**



Point #2: For years we've been influenced by who the world tells us we are. Which makes it difficult to unlearn who we are. At the beginning of our relationship with God, it is when we die in Christ and become Christ-like. Learning your identity in Christ is the key to understanding your power in Him to fulfill your purpose.

- Read **Philippians 3:12** "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me".
How well do you know who you are in God? How do you confirm or express your identity in Christ to others?

Point #3: God KNOWS your name and He KNOWS our pain. Our brokenness is what draws us closer to Him. Painful introspection is an understanding of pain for a greater purpose. Therefore, our covenant relationships in our suffering in Him is KEY to reaching the ultimate level of intimate exchange with God which birth seeds of expectation: elevating us from Glory and Glory.

- Read **Psalm 51:10** "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me" **What level of sufferings are you willing to endure to reach this level of intimacy in God? How can you begin to reveal God in your suffering so you can embrace your greater purpose?**

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

Don't become imprisoned in your pain to try and handle it on your own. Let God have His way in you through being willing to be vulnerable in His presence. Through God's faithfulness as you endure in your pain and suffering is where you will learn the attributes of His character. So, if you want to do great things in God be ready to SUFFER. Getting to know Him in our suffering is the best way to understand who God is and who we are in Him. God will never put more on us than we can bear. God knows what is best for us. If you want to know the answer to the WHY's of your life, THE ANSWER IS KNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

This week's challenge & questions to consider:

- What am I willing to sacrifice to learn more about God?
- What am I willing to unlearn, so I can be open to learning more of who I am in Christ?
- What am I willing to accept in my life as a part of the painful introspection needed to grow in Christ?
- Based on this week's group topic, what is God saying to me?

CHALLENGE: This week's challenge is to get in God's word and turn on some worship. Try "Refiner" by Maverick City and watch the power of God show up in your life.

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