## The Journey of a Lifetime Session 1: Knowing God...A Life Prepared

Knowing God is what we were made for. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

- A. Knowing God begins with knowing Jesus Christ and continues with a life of worship.
  - 1. Salvation Image of God's love.
    - a. He is the Son of God. (John 6:68-69)
    - b. He is the only way to God. (John 14:6)
      - We must believe The Gospel...The Good News.
      - By faith we accept this good news, repenting of our sins and trusting Jesus to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

This is God's beautiful salvation plan! Are you prepared for eternity?

- 2. Worship Reflection of our love.
  - a. Knowing God demands our worship.
  - b. Worship is a moment-by-moment activity.
  - c. Your life skills and spiritual gifts are who you are and should be offered daily as a part of your worship to the Lord.

True worship comes from a heart that desires for God to permeate every part of our life. You are uniquely prepared to worship God. You have been gifted by the Spirit of God to do the work He has called you to do.

## Six Disciplines of Worship

- 1. Worship in the discipline of Bible reading.
- 2. Worship in the discipline of meditation.
- 3. Worship in the discipline of prayer and praise.
- 4. Worship in the discipline of giving.
- 5. Worship in the discipline of faithfulness.
- 6. Worship in the discipline of purity.

## B. Knowing God is intellectual , yet emotional

- 1. Truths to meditate on from the book, *Knowing God* by J.I.Packer:
  - a. Knowing God is not just having information about God, but having intimacy with God.
  - b. Knowing God is dealing with God in regards to practical application of His truth in my life.
  - c. Knowing God is being personally involved with God by committing myself to abiding in His presence and identifying with His concerns.
  - d. Knowing God is understanding that God's grace is what allows me to know Him.
- 2. Knowledge about God is good and important. However, it is only the starting point in our quest for knowing God. It is what we do with knowledge that makes the difference in our journey of truly knowing God.

"We turn each truth that we learn about God into a matter of meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God."

(Taken from *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer)

Is the cry of your heart and the focus of your life, "That I may know Him?"

If not...Why not?