



TO DOUBT IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS TO PLAY WITH FIRE

LIFE IS TO KNOW GOD

Isaiah 29:9-16

King does know *about God*, but *he doesn't know God*

Life lesson:

John 17:3 *to know God and Lord Jesus in fact, means to learn to know a person through direct personal experience, implying a continuity of relationship.*

What can you do to know God and Lord Jesus?

To know God takes time, which you need to set apart and also you need to be intentional about it

NOT KNOWING GOD LEADS TO LACK OF TRUST

Isaiah 29:13

King stopped knowing God *because of fear*

Religious acts *can't mimic true faithfulness*

King & people of Jerusalem lack of trust in God is seen *in their insincere religious lifestyle*

Life Lesson:

God knows our real reasons which cannot be hidden from Him

Hebrews 4:13

Definition of Hypocrisy 1 John 1:6

God wants us to be genuine in and out of our hearts

ABSENCE OF TRUST RESULTS IN ALIENATION FROM GOD

Lack of trust in God *is seen in king's actions*

Life Lesson:

Your actions speak about your trust or lack of faith in God

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW GOD, YOU MAKE YOUR OWN PLANS

Isaiah 30

To take life in your own hands *it's most obvious decision most of us take*

Your plans are excellent in your own eyes, but does God approve them?

Have you ever made your own plans in disobedience from God?

Life Lesson

No matter how wise and excellent your plans are, if they are made apart from God ultimately you will be lost

It's time to make plans governed only by God

**Life Group Homework/ Bible Study &
Food for Thought for the week of November 17th, 2019**
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

NIV – New International Version or where is the case we use ESV- English Standard Version

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week teaching, was there anything new you learned or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This weekend's message, pastor David spoke about knowing God and Lord Jesus, and how such a relationship of continuous obedience is manifested in a different lifestyle.

Isaiah 29:9-16 "Pause and wait, Blind yourselves and be blind; They become drunk, but not with wine, They stagger, but not with strong drink. For the LORD has poured over you a spirit of a deep sleep, He has shut your eyes, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, the seers. The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the literate one, saying, "Please read this," he will say, "I cannot, for it is sealed." Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, "Please read this." And he will say, "I cannot read." Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words And honor Me with their lip service, But they remove their hearts far from Me, And their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote, Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; And the wisdom of their wise men will perish, And the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed." Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, And whose deeds are done in a dark place, And they say, "Who sees us?" or "Who knows us?" You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made would say to its maker, "He did not make me"; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

2. Discuss what does it mean to know Lord Jesus versus to know about Lord Jesus? John 17:3.

3. "Life is to know God and Lord Jesus" so what can you do to be intentional about this? What changes do you need to make to know Lord Jesus?

4. Discuss your biggest fear and how such fear impacts your trust in God?

5. Read Isaiah 29:1-24 and discuss peoples of Jerusalem beliefs? In what ways do you see similarities in our days?

6. Read Isaiah 26 and discuss God's condition for salvation. What is God's condition and how does such condition function today?

7. Jesus prayed for us to know God and Him, thus life is, in fact, a relationship with God by knowing him. Discuss issues you face to know God and how can you grow in your knowledge of God?

8. How important is to have a life group/ fellowship to "assist" you in your knowledge of God and Lord Jesus? What can you do about it?



LIFE GROUPS

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Commitment to Personal Goals:

1. Scripture Reading (specific and attainable)
2. Scripture Memorization (verse/ passage)
3. Relationships/ Evangelism
4. Personal

Group Goals

- ▲ LOOK UP towards Christ
 - Grow in love for Christ and confidence in Him
- ▼ LOOK DOWN into the God’s Word
 - Learn God’s word and how to study it
 - Apply God’s word to my life in specific ways
- ▶ LOOK IN at my own life
 - Identify and fight against sin in my life
 - Cultivate godly character and spiritual maturity
 - Improve my devotional life or reading and prayer
- ◀ LOOK OUT towards others
 - Serve other church members purposefully
 - Nurture relationships for accountability and prayer
 - Strengthen the relationships within my home
 - Develop loving friendships with outsiders for the purpose of evangelism

Responsibilities for Group Members

1. Be committed to GCC and its mission, leadership and goals of LG
2. Attend Sunday services each week, or let someone in the group know why I miss
3. Prioritize group meetings by arriving on time each week
4. Complete any assignments for the group and come prepared to participate
5. Participate in meetings without disrupting or monopolizing the time and attention of others
6. Cultivate trust within the group and be honest, transparent and teachable
7. Show love, concern and hospitality to visitors