

UNITED

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

Week 1 “Known”

Pastor Jeff Little, September 12-13

TABLE TOPICS

- Select one or two “Table Topics” cards to discuss with your group. If you have a new group, feel free to discuss additional cards.

WARM UP

- Would people describe you as an “open book” or a “closed book”? How well do people know the real you?

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that **you may know him better.***

INTRODUCTION

We all want to be known. We want deep friendships with people who care about us and stick with us. But did you know that God wants to know you, too? And He wants you to know Him. This week we will talk about knowing God, and how knowing Him affects the most important areas of your life.

DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 1:13-14a. According to these verses, salvation includes *hearing* the message and *believing*. Why does it take both?
2. Tell us about your salvation story. When did you “hear” and “believe”?
3. Read Ephesians 1:17. What was Paul’s continual prayer for us? Why do you think he would ask God for this?
4. Do you truly believe that God wants to know you? How does that knowledge affect you?
5. What is something painful you’ve experienced in life? How did God help you in that pain?
6. How well do you know God—not just head knowledge, but your experience with God?
7. In which area do you need to grow the most: your knowledge about God, or your experience with God?

APPLICATION

What’s something you can do to grow in your relationship with God this week?

PRAYER

- Pray that everyone would continue to grow in their relationships with God, and that He would become the most important part of each person’s life.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.