

KNOWING GOD

PSALM 19

MAIN TAKEAWAY

God wants to know us, and God wants us to know Him. God has revealed Himself through His creation and His Word, and we are changed by knowing God.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

God has revealed Himself to us in two specific ways: through His creation (general revelation) and His Word (special revelation). How does God uniquely make Himself known in each of these ways? What are some differences between the two? How have you been changed by knowing God?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

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We know God through creation (Romans 1:19-20). Like learning about an artist from his artwork, what do we learn about God through His creation? What does the created world tell us about God without words (Genesis 2:1; Psalm 8:3-4; Matthew 6:26)?

Creation tells of the glory, wonder, and majesty of God. Share about a time when you were compelled to praise God through seeing or experiencing His creation.

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The Word of God is perfect (v.7a)—we believe in the inspiration, inerrancy, and infallibility of the Bible. Pastor Adam said, “You can’t read the Bible and not be changed by it.” What does the perfect Word of God do to you (2 Timothy 3:16)?

The Word of God is trustworthy and gives us wisdom (v.7b). How have you grown to

rely on God's Word and live by His wisdom?

The Word of God is right (v.8a) and tells us how to live (Micah 6:8). Why will we experience joy when we live according to God's Word? How have you experienced this to be true?

The Word of God is clear (v.8b). As light shines in darkness, what does God's Word show us (Psalm 119:105; John 1:4)? How has God's Word been your guide?

The Word of God is true and fair (v.9b). Pastor Adam said, "God's Word is a beacon of truth in a world full of lies, half-truths, and 'my truths.'" How have you learned to stand on the truth of God's Word? What does God's truth do to us (John 17:17)?

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In knowing God, we will be in awe of God (v.9a) and our values will change (v.10). In what way is God's Word greater than any other sensory experience? How does your life reveal that you value God's Word, and how have your values changed over time?

Knowing God changes our lives (vv.11-14). How does Scripture reveal who we truly are (Hebrews 4:12-13)? How does this reveal our need for a Savior (John 17:3)?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

In response to this message, reflect on how you've been changed by knowing God. In what ways do you desire to know God more? In what areas of your life do you need to look to God for continued change?

How can you practically be more aware of God's order, power, and care in creation? How can you intentionally learn more of God's perfect, trustworthy, right, clear, and true Word? How can this group help?

PRAYER

Give thanks to God that He has made Himself known. Praise God that He wants to know you and share your desire to know Him more. Like David, in response to knowing God through His creation and Word, make Psalm 19:12-14 your prayer. Pray to faithfully know God and make Him known.