

NOTES

- Open In Prayer

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50am.

Set Free Seminars Feb 23-24 - Get ready to let loose those things that hinder your walk with the Holy Spirit

Last Weeks Key point: God will open doors for us if we seek to do His will. Jim said, "There's stuff we can do, and then there's stuff God can do." Let's allow God to use us exactly as we are, and say the words Jim challenged us to say, "God, here I am. You take it from here."

Follow up and review last weeks What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

This Weeks Key point:

The Holy Spirit has ruled out and excluded all flesh of Adam, all human excellence, personality, ability and efficiency in the pursuit of knowing God. Christianity, the faith, depends upon the Spirit-filled Man, Christ, and the man being yielding and filled by the Spirit of God.

The man inhabited by, and controlled by the Spirit will have the mind of Christ and be judged by no man ([1 Cor. 2:15](#)). He that is yielded to the Holy Spirit will have the mind of Christ ([1 Cor. 2:14-16](#)).

The greatest Christian apologists have taken on the greatest atheist and atheism head on in higher education public forums and thousands have come to Christ. **True? False?.**

Author Philip Yancey has made this observation: "*No one ever converted to Christianity because they lost the argument.*"

C.S. Lewis' Conversion While studying at Oxford, Lewis sensed "*he was holding something at bay, or shutting something out.*" (p.131)

The question is: How did a man of intellectual prowess come to know God? He felt the stirring of the Holy Spirit **drawing** him, **revealing** and **illuminating** the truth of God. As author, David Downing quotes, in his book,

The Most Reluctant Convert, "*he [Lewis] was holding something at bay, or shutting something out.*" (p.131). **Do we hold back in our mind & Lives? Discuss** _____

Intellectual Knowledge vs. Spirit-revealed knowledge

Is it possible to grow up in the Christian faith and not know God?

- **Discuss** the four ways you can know someone 1) 2) 3) 4)

The things of God no man knows but by the Spirit of God. -Tozer,

- [1 Cor. 2:11 Implications?](#) _____

[John 14:9 Implications?](#) _____

Therefore, no one can know God except by the Holy Spirit

([1 Cor. 2:11](#)). Implications _____

-[Isaiah 55:8-9 Implications?](#) _____

-[1 Cor. 2:14 Implications?](#) _____

So if these are true then where does put those we know who "Know" all about The Gospel and refuses to follow? _____

Whose responsibility is it: And should we feel guilt? Discuss _____

Do I really know God? Am I open to the Holy Spirit?

When someone makes the remark: why are we studying the Holy Spirit? Isn't a whole year excessive? What is your response? _____

Why do you think why that comment made? _____

KEY QUESTION



- The Forgotten God
- Francis Chan

Prayer List for
Illumination for
Those who "know"

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about today's discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?

Because they do not understand the things of God. It seems foolish to them. They cannot receive it because they are not living in the Spirit. They have no spiritual discernment.

They may know religion, but do they know God? *Scripture says no.* No one comprehends the ways and thoughts of God except...the Holy Spirit.

Why Is this why so many Christians are living uninspiring, mundane lives of "faith"? Discuss _____

Are we afraid to hear what God has to say? The Spirit speaks what He hears God the Father say "whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak" (v.13).

[-1 Cor. 6-8,10,11](#)

So, what? Know the Spirit, know God. Refuse to know the Spirit, refuse to know God. No Spirit, no Father, no Christ. **Agree/ Disagree Discuss _____**
If Agree, what are the implications? _____

Spiritual things are not apprehended by the eye, nor by the ear, and they are not apprehended even by the intellect. They are revealed by the Spirit. -Tozer, p.22

"To understand a Bible text takes an act of the Holy Spirit equal to the act that inspired the text in the first place." -The Counselor, p.24

[2 Timothy 3:16](#) says, _____

Referring back to the 4 ways we "know" someone:

Why is it we have the debate about people falling away from God or "backsliding"? Can one lose their salvation? The Bible says no, absolutely not. But then why do we see people whom we were absolutely convinced were God-followers leave the faith? **Discuss _____**

[-Romans 1:18-23](#)

[Pastor Shannons friend who rejected the Gospel as Shannon was sharing](#)

Do they/I know **about** God? Or do I/they **know** God? Do they/ I **know of** Him? Or do they /I actually know Him **intimately**?

That is the Spirit's job. **Therefore, do /they I know the Spirit? How do we encourage them to want to Know" the Spirit? Discuss _____**

We Need to Pray for the Illumination of the Spirit in **My Heart** to know Jesus. and for those who "know "the Truth.

Take a moment to Write Names in the column on the Left Of those who "Know", that you should pray God would illuminate

One cannot know Christ as well as the Holy Spirit is pleased to reveal Him to us. Am I pleasing to the Holy Spirit? Do I pursue the favor of God? Is His glory all I care about? **Take a moment to write down What do you need to Do to motivate yourself to "know" him better.** Think of small steps **Write 2**

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

The Apostle Paul says in [2 Cor. 5:16-18](#)

Do I know God only with my Intellect?:

Is my only concern on Sunday whether or not I learned something new from the preacher's sermon? Was the preachers sermon intellectually stimulating?

Or did it touch, stir my heart?

Is the Gospel about preaching information for the audience?

Or about how to's?

Do I pray?

Do I read the Bible only for information purposes and history?

Do I expect to meet God the Holy Spirit and have Him speak to me and I listen to Him?

Do I have a living relationship with Him just like I do with my spouse, child or friend?

Is the Christian life very much like natural life-only jollier, cleaner and more fun?

The Cross is Foolishness to Man

[-1 Cor. 1:18-19](#) [-1 Cor. 1:21](#) [-1 Cor. 1:27-31](#) [-1 Cor. 2:14-16](#)