

A GOD WHO CAN BE KNOWN

1 John 1:1-2:2

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD?
2. WHAT DOES FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD LOOK LIKE?
 - A CHANGED LIFE
 - A SPIRITUAL SELF-AWARENESS
 - YOU FIND JOY IN GOD HIMSELF
 - YOU HAVE A DESIRE FOR OTHERS TO KNOW GOD
3. HOW CAN WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. We started a new series this week all about knowing and encountering God because the way we view God is the most important thing about us. What are some common misconceptions about God? What is one thing about your view of God that has changed in the past few years of your life?
3. Pastor Ryan described walking with God as "an experience of the heart that leads to a singular devotion and is based on objective truth." What aspect of this definition sticks out to you?
4. If you want to be transformed by an encounter with God, you must encounter Him as He really is, not as you want him to be. Is there anything you don't understand or don't like about God? What do you do when you discover something about God that you wish you could change?
5. In 1 John 1:1-2:2 we see evidence that shows up in the life of someone who is walking with God: 1) A changed life 2) A spiritual self-awareness, 3) You find joy in God Himself and 4) You have a desire for others to know God. To what degree have you seen this evidence in your life?
6. How do you (personally) know that you know God?
7. After hearing Sunday's message, we each probably fell into one of three categories. Either **1)** you realize you've never experienced this fellowship with God, **2)** You think you might have experienced this fellowship with God but it's been a long time since then and you aren't really sure it was real or **3)** You are sure you've experienced this fellowship with God but you haven't experienced Him enough. What category would you fall into? Is there a separate category that you fall into?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: God is not an unknowable, far-off, distant force in the universe. He can be known. Because of Jesus, we can walk with God.