DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: If you won a million dollars in the lottery, how would you spend it?

OVERVIEW: It's been said that "ignorance is bliss," and "what you don't know can't hurt you." But the Bible doesn't agree with that. Repeatedly the Bible exhorts us to grow in knowledge — knowing and understanding God's word. In this discussion we are talking about the importance of Bible knowledge, and what we need to do to keep growing in God's word.

1. **Read 2 Peter 1:5-7**. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)

2. Is ignorance bliss? Explain.

3. Why is knowledge (knowing and understanding God's word) important?

4. Read Psalm 19:7-11. How does this passage describe the character of the Bible?

5. According to Psalm 19:7-11, what are the benefits of knowing and understanding God's word?

6. Read Psalm 119:28, 49-50, 165. What are the benefits of knowing and understanding God's word described in these verses?

7. Since the Bible is God's word, and knowing and understanding it is so beneficial, how should we treat it?

8. Read Deuteronomy 4:6-9. How does this passage say we should treat the Bible?

9. Read Deuteronomy 17:18-19. How does this passage say we should treat the Bible?

10. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1 and 13:2. What are the dangers of growing in Bible knowledge?

11. What does a person need to do to grow in Bible knowledge and understanding?

12. What do you personally need to do to keep growing in Bible knowledge and understanding?

The Last Word: "It [the Bible] is to remain with him, and he is to read from it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God." Deuteronomy 17:19

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