

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST
Colossians — Week 15

ICEBREAKER: What's the best prank you've ever pulled off?

OVERVIEW: The most important knowledge you can have is spiritual knowledge. What you believe about God determines everything about you. And the most important spiritual knowledge you can have is knowledge about Christ, because "in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." In Colossians 2:1-3, Paul explains why knowing Christ is so important, and gives us two key steps to grow closer to Him.

1. **Read Colossians 2:1-3.** 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. The reason knowing Christ is so important is because "in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." What does this statement mean?
3. Do we need to know Christ in order to know God? Explain.
4. How does the knowledge of Christ help us to make sense of ourselves and the world around us?
5. Read Colossians 2:2. Paul gave us two key steps to help us know Christ more. What are they?

6. How does staying encouraged help us to know Christ more?
7. Do you ever struggle with discouragement? Explain. What actions can you take to stay encouraged?
8. How does striving for unity in the church help us to know Christ more? What actions can you take to foster and protect the unity of the church?
9. What are the three levels of the knowledge of Christ?
10. What steps do you need to take to know Christ more?

The Last Word: The truth is what God uses to set people free, so we must speak the truth, no matter how dangerous or uncomfortable.