

## Knowing God

Have you ever really known God?

*Theology = study of God (theo = God; ology = study of)*

*Characteristics of Knowing God:*

- **Those who know God have great energy for God**

*Take action in response to anti-God activities*

- *Joshua 22*
- *Matthew 21*

- **Those who know God have great thoughts of God**

- *Verses 16 – 18*
- *Daniel 4:25*

- **Those who know God show great boldness for God**

*“Once they were convinced that their stand was right, and that their loyalty to their God required them to take it...they ‘smilingly washed their hands of the consequences.’”*

- *Daniel 1,3*
- *Daniel 6*

- **Those who know God have great contentment in God**

*Peace in the midst of difficult times*

- *John 16:33*

*Satisfaction in knowing that God is enough*

*How to Begin:*

- **We need to recognize how much we lack knowledge of **him****

- **We need to measure our knowledge of God by how we pray and what goes on in our hearts**

- **We need to seek the savior**

***“What is my ultimate aim and object in occupying my mind with these things? What do I intend to do with my knowledge about God, once I have got it?”***

- **J.I. Packer** *Knowing God*

***“They that know you not call upon you as other than you are; and, in doing so, worship not you, but a creature of their own fantasy.”***

-**A.W. Tozer** *The Knowledge of the Holy*

### Resources:

<b><i>Knowing God</i></b>	- J.I. Packer
<b><i>The Knowledge of the Holy</i></b>	- A. W. Tozer
<b><i>Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life</i></b>	- Donald S. Whitney
<b><i>Desiring God</i></b>	- John Piper
<b><i>The Pursuit of God</i></b>	- A.W. Tozer
<b><i>The Crisis of a Deeper Life</i></b>	- George P. Pardington
<b><i>Experiencing God</i></b>	- Henry T. Blackaby

## Community Group Homework

For the week of October 11, 2009

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

*-Share it with your group.*

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

In what ways do you connect with God? Which is the way you most connect with him?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. J.I. Packer makes the statement in *Knowing God*, that “A little knowledge **of** God is worth more than a great deal of knowledge **about** Him.” (pg 21, emphasis mine) What do you think that means? Do you agree?

### Read Daniel 1

2. What are some questions you have regarding this chapter? Is there something that is not mentioned that you think should be there? (*maybe other characters whose actions or thought should be included*)

3. What did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s obedience to God provide for the other exiles?

Why do you think they were not originally part of the deal to not defile themselves?

### TAKING IT HOME

4. What are some things that you are doing in your life that might open the door for others to obey God?
5. What can you do to know God in a deeper way?