

MY GOD IN MOTION...

# Getting To Know Jesus

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You,  
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.  
John 17:3*

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

9 Oct 2024

# Agenda

- Purpose and Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How
- Discussion
- Resources
- Feedback and Future Topics
- Closing and Send off

# Purpose & Opening

## Purpose: Exhort one another into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,  
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Opening Prayer:

Thank you for opportunity

Give me Words to deliver your message

Give us Eyes to See wonderful things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through your Word

Help us be transformed into the person you intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring You glory in all we do

# Topic

- What: Getting To Know Jesus
- Why:
  - Knowing ABOUT Jesus is good, but not enough
  - Knowing He rules as Lord in heaven is not enough
  - Doing works in His name is not enough
  - You must KNOW Jesus, and He must know YOU
  - But how...

# It Takes More Than Knowing ABOUT Jesus

## Matthew 7:21-23

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’

23 And then I will declare to them, ‘**I never knew you;** depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

## Matthew 7:13-14

13 “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

# The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

## John 10:11-15

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

## John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

How does the Father know Jesus is a Good Shepherd?

How do the sheep know Jesus is their Shepherd?

How does the Father know His son?

How does the Shepherd know His sheep?

# How Will We Know We Know Jesus?

## 1 John 2:3-6

**3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

# Why Follow This Shephard?

## John 10:7-10

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be **saved**, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

## What does saved mean?

English “saved” = Greek “sozo” = bring to safety, healed, recovered, restored, preserved, ensure salvation, saved



# What is the rush, Don't I have my whole life?

Luke 17:20-21

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; 21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

James 4:14

...whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Ephesians 5:15-17

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the **days are evil**. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

# How do you get to know someone?

## Learn ABOUT them from a distance

- Focus your attention on them
- Listen to what they say
- Watch what they do
- Watch how they do it
- Talk to others who know them

## Get to KNOW them personally

- Spend time with them, preferably alone
- Engage them, Talk to them, Ask questions, Listen to them
  - Understand their story, their nature, their character, their personality
- Do things together, especially difficult things
  - Build Understanding, Trust, Partnership, Mutual Respect
- Live together, Mutual Dependency
- Put your life in their hands, Sacrifice yours for them

# How Can You Get To Know Jesus?

- Learn About Him – Bible, Teachers, Preachers
  - What He said
  - What He did
  - Why He Did It
- Spend Time With Him – One-on-One
  - His Word, Actively seek understanding
  - Praise, Worship, Prayer
  - Talk, Ask, Listen
- Fellowship – Partner with Him on your journey
  - Focus on kingdom rather than earthly life
  - Yield / Align Your will – Make Him Lord of your life
  - Follow His path / example
    - Deny Self, Pick up your cross
    - Make yourself dead to sin, Be raised into new life by the spirit
  - Be transformed by the renewal of your mind
  - Be tested / refined through trials

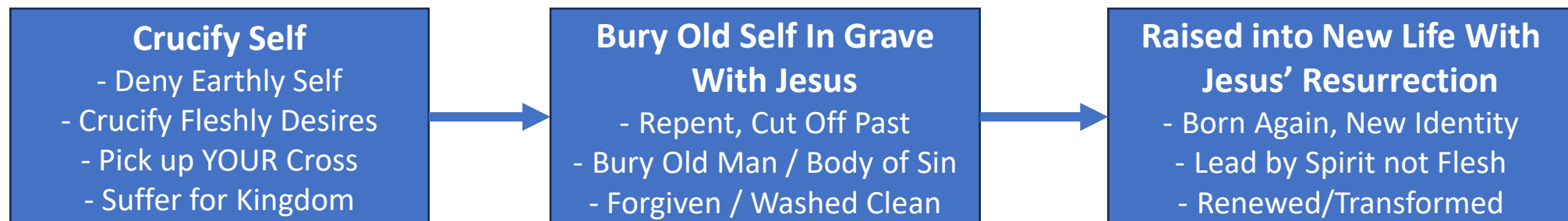
# Follow Jesus Path in Fellowship

## John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they **know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

## Philippians 3:10

That I may **know Him** and the power of His resurrection, and the **fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death**, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



# Endure Grief for Doing Good

- 1 Peter 2: 8

19 For this is commendable, **if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.**

20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

21 **For to this you were called**, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22 “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return;

when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

# How: Next Steps

- What can we do going forward?
  - Are you actively seeking to learn about Him? Read, Listen
  - Are You engaging to know Him? Get alone, Talk, Ask, Listen, Learn
  - Is He Your Shephard? Are You One Of His Sheep?
    - Do You know Him? Are you hearing His voice?
    - Does He know You? Are you taking action?
  - Pause / Reflect: Do you Love God or Love Yourself?
    - Time, Thoughts, Actions, Resources
  - Ask God for insight on your journey
    - Where is MY will still not aligned with YOUR will
- How do we know it is working?
  - You seek His face and He leads you through opportunities
    - Noticing more opportunities
    - Recognizing more internal barriers to address
- What do we do when we notice a barrier?
  - Run to God
    - Thank Him for helping your notice, Caring is the first step
    - Seek to understand the driver (usually your self-centered will)
    - Repent
    - Claim calling to be better: We are clay, He is the potter, He will finish His work

# Love God or Love Self?

## Love Self

It Is All About Me

Who I am

What I Look Like

What Status, Job, Title, Position

What Things I Have

What Others Think / Say

Who Gets Credit

It Is My Life, I am in Control

Take What I Want

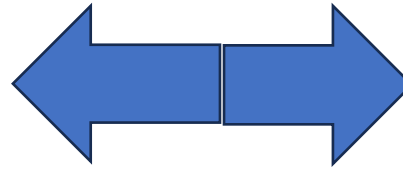
How Much Pleasure Can I Get

What Do Others Have

How To Use Others for My Gain

Steal Credit from God and Others

Diminish Others To Raise Myself



## Love God

It is All About God & The kingdom

Learn About Him

Spend Time With Him

Talk To Him, Listen To Him

Allow Him To Lead, Trust Him

Acknowledge Him

Share Your Testimony

Change Your Behavior

Deny Yourself – It is not about you

Keep His Commandments

Live Life Worthy, Be Example

Invest in Eternity: Love Neighbor – Time, Resources

Pick Up Your Cross – Suffer if needed

Forgive Others – Overcome with good

Serve Others - Do Good Works

# Discussion

- Does this make sense?
  - Questions
  - Clarification
  - Other inputs
- Practical Experiences in this Area
  - Success stories
  - Struggles / Barriers
  - Strategies to Overcome / Lesson Learned

## Group Contributions:

- Can be difficult to imagine what “be like Jesus” looks like – more than Just “Be Nice”
- You can’t cherry pick the 10 Commandments
- Engage others with intent to be kind
- Don’t Overcomplicate / Make Prayers Simple: “Lord, Teach me”
- Stay Centered on Gratitude
- You can easily extend gratitude into acts of kindness



# Resources

The Soul Shepard – Joel Kramer – Expedition Bible - 30 Min Video - Shepard life in Isreal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STAda5RFrxM>

## Identity and Purpose

- Dan Mohler: How to live each day with purpose <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2fzSXwapE>

## Transformation

- Dan Mohler: Water Baptism is a big deal [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF\\_vyFvVGy8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF_vyFvVGy8)
- My Blog: Deny Yourself  
<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/deny-yourself-pick-up-your-cross-daily-follow-jesus/>

## Becoming Love

- Random Acts of Kindness: <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>
- My Blog: Become Like Jesus, Become Love  
<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/become-like-jesus-become-love/>
- My Blog: Have you become Love? Here is a test...:  
<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/have-you-become-love-here-is-a-test/>

## My “My God In Motion” Resources:

- Website: <https://mygodinmotion.org/>  
Blog: <https://mygodinmotion.org/blog/>  
Bible Studies: <Future>
- YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MyGodInMotion>  
Testimonies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbFKYm25450&list=PLI6PAnzZDZErXGmKbc2nRDLRiQiZ43BxP>  
Lessons Learned:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uiA9jXKR10&list=PLI6PAnzZDZEr2uqOgCHn69NKhdKcLlgvT>  
Bible Studies: <Future>
- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MGIMonFB>

# Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
  - ✓ Good content - food for thought
  - ✓ Good mix of content & discussion
  - ✓ Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
  - ✓ Let folks do a quick intro to get familiar
    - Host to log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time

# Future Topics

## Topic for next week:

- What does Jesus look like? Hint: Love

## Topics currently in queue:

- Some recent work
  - What happened in the garden?
  - What happened to the image of God in us?
  - What does it mean to be a branch?
  - How is God's love perfected through us?
- List of candidate topics
  - From initial invite, Included at end of presentation FYI
  - Will consolidate feedback from e-mail responses

## Any hot topic of interest?

- How to stand in Faith in end times

# Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity
- Fellowship
- Gift of Your Word
- Help us See, Hear, Embrace in our Heart, Assimilate into flesh
- Help us recognize the opportunities within us
- Help us Seek Your face and embrace your help
- Help us transform into your image – and perfect the flow of your love
- Inspire us into the good works that you have prepared
- May we shine as a light in this dark world
- May we become bright beacons for Your kingdom
- We do all in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14