

LIFEGROUP STUDY

GOD ALMIGHTY: KNOW & BE KNOWN

These LifeGroup questions are structured to allow for deeper discussions following on from the Sunday sermon. However, please don't limit yourself to just these questions, feel free to ask more questions as the Spirit leads. May the Spirit lead you and your group to dig deeper into knowing more about God.

WARMING UP

As a way to quiz how much you know each other: write a random fact about yourself on a small slip of paper. Gather everyone's facts, shuffle in a hat, and take it in turns to draw from the hat, read out loud the statement and everyone guesses who wrote that fact. Be as random as possible! It's ok if you draw your own, you are just reading the statement and having everyone guess! (If your group is low on numbers, everyone can write two facts on two slips of paper!)

A HEALTHY DISCUSSION ON KNOWING

1. What does it mean to know someone?
2. And what does it mean to be known by someone?
3. Why does God desire for us to know Him?
4. And why does God desire for us to be known by him?
5. Read Psalm 139 — What's the context of this passage? And how does this apply to us knowing and being known by God?

A HEALTHY DISCUSSION ON BEING KNOWN

6. *"There is unspeakable comfort in being known by God."* — J.I. Packer.
Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
7. At what point can we feel "uncomfortable" by being known by God? Why?
8. *"God doesn't know what it is like to be me, for he knows me better than I know myself... God knows the true me; the person I really am."* — William J. Manderwrites.
Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

THE IMPLICATIONS OF KNOWING GOD AND BEING KNOWN BY GOD

9. What aspects of God have you been recently challenged by or learnt? (Either from the recent God Almighty series, or through personal encounters).
10. When we know God, and we are truly known by God, how is it that we go back to our old way of life and old way of thinking? Why is this? What can be done about this?
11. In which areas of your life do you feel like God knows about and you know about, but God is convicting you to expose it so to not hide these things any longer?
12. What practical ways can we go on from here to know more about God and be known by God on a deeper and more personal level?

MOVING FORWARD IN PRAYER

Spend some time praying to our heavenly Father who knows you inside and out, and who desires for you to know Him.

Using Psalm 139 as a baseline for your prayer, pray through this psalm together, while lifting up items of prayer items.