

Can I Know God Personally?

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VIDEO 1: PULSE OF THE WORLD ON KNOWING GOD

This video is a 2.5-minute survey of many people's responses to this question.

Questions for Discussion:

- Did you identify with anyone's expressed views in the film? If so, who and what resonated with you?
- Is it surprising that 75 percent of adults desire a close relationship with God? Why or why not?

VIDEO 2: THE CURIOSITY COLLECTIVE: CAN I KNOW GOD PERSONALLY?

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- In what ways can you identify with any of the stories in The Curiosity Collective? What did you find intriguing or compelling?
- Why might someone resist knowing God personally?
- Propaganda stated that "sin . . . has broken that covenant with [God]." What do you think he meant by that?
- In the video, Pete said, "[Jesus] made it possible for our sins to be removed because his blood was spotless; he was a perfect sacrifice for us." How could Jesus be perfect? What are the implications of that?
- How might one develop a personal relationship with God?



- In Matthew 7:7, the Bible says that if we seek, we will find; if we knock, the door will be opened. What might this mean?

INTO THE BIBLE:

1. In the video, Does God Speak to Us? James Choung said, “When the supernatural breaks through the natural—that gives us a glimpse that God is around. There’s a world that we do not see. God is constantly trying to get our attention. But God speaks in whispers. He doesn’t want to overwhelm us so that we can find Him and possibly fall in love.”

Can you relate to what James Choung says here? What’s been your experience with “glimpsing that God is around”? What does it take to glimpse the supernatural? Why do some people see or sense God and others don’t? How does God talk to you?

2. We’ve spent the last several weeks addressing the questions people have when coming to God. If you’re in Christ, you know that wherever you are on the journey to know God, it has only just begun. In Exodus 33:13, Moses asked God, “let me walk Your road, that I may know You...” If you want to know God, you walk His road. You follow His ways.

As we wrap up this study, make it your purposeful intention to walk God’s road every day of your life. As you do this over a lifetime, you’ll learn God’s ways and walk in closer relationship with Him. Practically speaking, the way to know God’s ways is to know Jesus who said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). Read and think about the following verses in relation to growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Perhaps pick one passage to discuss as a group, saving the other two to ponder in your quiet time with God.

- How to move forward in your life in God: Philippians 3:7-15
- How to be at home with Jesus: John 15:4-5
- How to live God’s way: Colossians 3



Pray for those who want to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus. Include yourself if that applies. Jesus wants this, too—He wants a closer relationship with you. He wants you to abide in Him and find Him to be your greatest joy and deepest satisfaction. Press on!

Memory Verse: *“Come near to God and he will come near to you”*
(James 4:8).

