

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: LEARNING TO KNOW GOD.

Intro: Why is learning to know God so important? John 17:3

**1) A revelation of the character of God**

- a. Psalm 19:1-6 What inspired testimony did the Psalmist David give about nature as a revelation of the character of our Creator God?
- b. Where do you see the character of our Creator God revealed in the Genesis account of creation? Genesis 1:26, 31, 2:1-3, 7, etc.
- c. Psalm 19:7-10 Why are the revelations of God through the prophets and most completely through Jesus so important in getting a clearer picture of the character of God? (see also Hebrews 1:1-3)
- d. How has the fallen angel Satan sought to present a distorted picture of the character of God? John 8:44, Genesis 3:1-5
- e. How has God helped you to see a clearer revelation of His character? (meditating on the life of Jesus, prayerful study of the Scriptures, etc.)

**2) God is agape love**

- a. What concise summary of the character of God is given by the Apostle John? 1 John 4:8
- b. How does the Apostle John expand on this theme in his first letter to Christians? 1 John 4:7-19
- c. Where do you see the love of God emphasized in the teachings of Jesus? John 3:16, etc.

- d. Where do you see the love of God revealed in the earthly ministry of Jesus?
- e. How are you impacted by this revelation of the immeasurable unfailing love of God?

**3) God is holy**

- a. What inspired testimony did the author of Psalm 99 give about the character of God? Psalm 99:1-3,5
- b. What revelation about His character did the LORD give to the prophets? Leviticus 19:2, Isaiah 6:1-3, Revelation 4:8, etc.
- c. How are you impacted by the prayer of Hannah regarding the character of God? 1 Samuel 2:1-2
- d. What encouragement do you find in the testimony of the LORD recorded in Isaiah 57:15
- e. Why is it important to see the call for holiness in the context of a relationship with God? 1 Peter 1:13-16

**4) God is Immanuel**

- a. What mystery is revealed by the Apostle John in his gospel account? John 1:1-4,14 (the incarnation)
- b. What was the testimony of an angel of the LORD to Joseph the carpenter? Matthew 1:18-23
- c. What does the incarnation reveal about God's desire for an intimate relationship with us?

