



WEEK 2

How can we know
GOD? (Part 2)

Icebreaker Question

In one sentence, describe how you feel about the Bible.

Watch the Sermon Short Video Clip

Key Teaching Points & Scriptures

Hebrews 11 (ESV)

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Acts 17 (ESV)

27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

In order to know God, you must know what He is saying to you.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Luke 24:32 (ESV)

32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

Acts 8 (ESV)

30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” **31** And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

1 Timothy 5:18 (ESV)

18 For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

2 Peter:3:15-16 (ESV)

15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, **16** as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

Historical Milestones:

- **Athanasius in 367 AD**
- **The Council of Hippo in 393**
- **The Council of Carthage in 397**

Knowing GOD requires faith.

Do you believe the Bible is God's Word or not?

NEXT STEP:

Accept the Bible as the authoritative Word of God.

Discussion Questions

What is your biggest takeaway from today's teaching?

Based on today's teaching, what, to you, is the most compelling evidence that the Bible is God's word?

Have you ever experienced a crossroads moment like Bill where you had to decide if you're going to believe the Bible or not? If so, what was it like?

Do you think it's important to know what you believe about the Bible before you know what to believe about God? Why or why not?

What have you learned recently about God by reading the Bible?

Because of today's teaching, how might you interact with the Bible differently?

What is the most important thing we can be praying for you about this week?

Pray

As you close in prayer, take some time to thank God for providing this amazing, incomparable book we call The Bible. Many people in other nations clamor at just a single page of this book in their language, yet we have full access to it 24/7/365. Ask God to forgive us for taking His word for granted and for often even ignoring it. Ask Him to help us renew our commitment to reading, meditating upon, studying, and even memorizing His amazing words to us. AND finally, ask Him for the courage to actually live out what He says to us in His word!