



# Psalm 19 – Can I Know God Personally?

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**SERMON OVERVIEW** // This week we concluded our seven week series: **exploreGod** by taking a look at the final question: **Can I Know God Personally?**

Every question in this series has pointed us to the answer of this question. We can know God personally and He desires for us to know Him! God has revealed this desire in so many different ways – we looked at three on Sunday:

We can **know God** through His **creation**. (vv.1-6)

We can **know God** through His **Word**. (vv.7-11)

We can **know God personally** through His **Son**. (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

## SERMON TEXT // Psalm 19

In every way that God reveals Himself and His desire for us to know Him - we are able to see it is perfectly interconnected. The beautiful thing about all of this is the knowledge of God is not revealed to us in His **isolation** from us. The knowledge of God is revealed to us through His **intimacy** with us.

// **Natural Revelation**: seeing evidences of God through the creation around us.

// **Special Revelation**: understanding evidences of God through the Word He has left us.

Intimacy with God is seen **visibly** through creation and understood **verbally** through His Word.

The **Heavens**, the **sky**, the **Day** and the **Night**, as well as the **Sun** itself - daily proclaim the greatness of God and reveal the knowledge of Himself to His people. This leaves no man without excuse to know God because all men experience God through His creation. While this is enough to condemn us - it is not enough to convert us. This is where the understanding of His Word comes into the picture.

David draws our attention to no less than twelve marvelous truths about God's Word and each of them points to His desire that we know Him!

The **law** is perfect and reviving.

The **commandment** is pure and enlightening.

The **testimony** is sure and brings wisdom.

The **fear of the LORD** is clean and endures forever.

The **precepts** are right and cause rejoicing.

The **rules** are true and righteous altogether.

Above all else - we can know God personally through Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Jesus entered into our world in order to reveal the greatness of God through His life. To glorify God through His death on the cross. And to grant eternal life to the children of God in His resurrection. **Jesus came to so we could know God personally!**



# Discussion Questions - Can I Know God Personally?

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## Question 1

If you were at church Sunday or were able to catch the sermon online this week - what was something that resonated with you? What was something you wrote down from the sermon?

## Question 2

Over the past seven weeks we have looked at different questions which enabled us to explore the God who created us. Thinking back to your time in this series – *regardless of when you jumped in* – which question and answer would you say was most transformative for you in your walk with the Lord? *Briefly share with the group.*

## Question 3

Read **Psalm 19** together. The main phrase repeated during the morning was: *The knowledge of God is not revealed to us in His isolation from us. The knowledge of God is revealed to us through His intimacy with us.* How does God's creation and His Word reveal this truth about Himself to us? If you are a believer, have you every felt isolated from God? In what way did He restore a feeling of intimacy with Him?

## Question 4

In verses 12-13 David talks about *hidden faults* and *presumptuous sins*. **What is the difference?** Often times we try and hide our presumptuous sins from people around us – **do you have someone in your life you can confess these sins to, a person of accountability?** Who is that person and briefly share with the group the benefits you have found in people like this?

## Question 5

In thinking of this weeks question, **what would you say to someone at work, at the coffee shop, or even at home who asked you the question: Can I know God personally?** What places would you take them in Scripture?

## Question 6

The Gospel proclaims the truth that we can know God personally – doesn't it? **How confident are you in your ability to share the Gospel clearly? What is the Gospel?** (As we close let's take a few moments as a Community Group to look at the elements of the Gospel and come up with a clear understanding and definition of the Gospel together.)