

God is Personal

What does it mean to really know someone? What does it take to get to know them?

GOD SHAPED HOLE

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 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, Acts 17:26-27

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139:16

OBSTACLES TO RELATIONSHIP – Real vs. Fake

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Matthew 24:24 Elect: Chosen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBKIT2keOTQ&t=853s> Kirk Cameron Show

PERSONAL=REAL God Reveals Himself To Us – God pursues and courts us...

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

- Through Creation

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20 (NLT)

- Through the Holy Spirit

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

- Through His Word: LOVE LETTER

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

- Through Prayer

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. Psalm 118:5

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. Psalm 65:2

HE REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH THE PERSON OF HIS SON – JESUS CHRIST

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” John 14:6-7

THE THIRD CUP – an unusual marriage proposal

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Passover-Seder.html>

<https://jewsforjesus.org/blog/the-mystery-of-the-passover-cup>

<https://www.thatttheworldmayknow.com/seder-and-marriage>

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Exodus 12:14

Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. Exodus 6:6

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Luke 22:20

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:2-3

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; Revelation 19:7

APPLICATION

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. Matthew 24:36

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Matthew 24:44

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.