

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | The Question Beneath the Questions

SCRIPTURE

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

DEVOTION

Most of our worry hovers around smaller things — grades, money, schedules, health. They matter. But beneath every smaller worry sits a larger one we tend to avoid: How do I stand before God?

Many people never answer that question. They distract themselves, or they assume that being a reasonably good person will be enough. But goodness was never going to close the gap between us and a holy God. Underneath the busyness, the question keeps whispering.

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus prayed for you. And in that prayer He gave the answer. Eternal life, He said, is knowing the only true God and the One He sent. Not knowing about God from a distance. Knowing Him — in a restored relationship made possible by the Savior who was about to die for you.

This knowledge is not earned. It is given, through Word and Sacrament, by the Spirit who has called you by the Gospel. When you know who Jesus is, the deepest question of your life is settled. Everything else gets put in its proper place.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to truly know God, rather than just know about Him?
2. Why do you think we are tempted to avoid the deeper questions of life and death?
3. How does the certainty of eternal life through Christ reshape the way you handle smaller worries?

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You prayed that we would know the Father through You. Open our hearts to know You not as a fact but as our Savior and Lord. Settle the deepest questions of our lives in the certainty of Your Gospel, that every smaller worry might find its place beneath Your mercy. Amen.

FAMILY ACTION ITEM

Read John 17:1–3 together. Then take turns finishing this sentence: “One thing I know about God because of Jesus is...” Let the youngest in the family go first.

