

NEXT - Part 1 - Know God Pastor Mark Rouse - Sunday, January 5

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. - Proverbs 29:18 (*The Message*)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. - John 10:10

We exist to lead people to become ALL-IN followers of Jesus.

- Know God.
- Find Freedom.
- <u>Discover Purpose</u>.
- Serve the World.

What's Next? Know God

²³ This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 9:23-24

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never *knew* you. Away from me, you evildoers!" - Matthew 7:21-23

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

Growing in Knowing God

1) I can love God because **HE LOVED ME FIRST**.

We love because he first loved us. - 1 John 4:19

2) I will seek Him <u>FIRST</u> in every area of my life.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. - Matthew 6:33

⁴ "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! ⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. - Revelation 2:4-5

3) In response to His love, I will give Him ALL OF MY HEART.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. - Jeremiah 29:13

21 Days of Prayer (January 5 - 25)

- Choose to fast from something so you can better focus on God.
- Commit to pray at a specific time each day.
- Come pray at the future facility for Epic Church on Monday evenings (January 6, 13 and 20) from 7:00-8:00pm.