

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: What's the difference between knowing about God and knowing God? What changes take place in your life when you have a genuine relationship with God? How can you be assured that your relationship with God is real? Let's discover what it means to abide.

Can you know that you really know God?

Abide: to stay or remain.

Four Keys to Knowing God:

1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)

- 1) Embrace the Facts about Jesus.
- 2) Experience Fellowship with Jesus.
- 3) Enjoy Friendship with Christians.

Hatred is a blindfold that keeps you from seeing God's love.

1 John 2:7-11 (ESV)

"Love Each Other" Pop Quiz:

- Are you chronically critical?
- How's your forgiveness fluidity?
- How well do you overlook offenses?
- How well do you release resentment?

4) Evidence of Fruitfulness because of Jesus.

1 John 2:12-17 (ESV)

1 John 2:16 (ESV) - Desires of Flesh

Desires of Eyes

Pride of Life

Genesis 3:6 (ESV) - Good for Food

Delight to the Eyes

Make One Wise

Luke 4:1-13 (ESV) - Stone to Bread

All the Kingdoms

Throw Yourself Down

When we abide in Christ we will overcome the temptations of the world.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Prior to hearing this message, how would you answer this question: Can you know that you really know God? How would you describe what it means to know that you know?
- 3) Read 1 John 1:1-4. Of the first two keys to knowing God, which is more natural for you? *Embracing the Facts* about Jesus, or *Experiencing the Fellowship* with Jesus? Explain.
- 4) Read 1 John 2:7-11. How did you do on the "Love Each Other" Pop Quiz? Do you struggle with lingering hatred in your heart toward others? What's your next step?
- 5) Read 1 John 2:15-17. How are you doing when it comes to overcoming the temptations of the world? Where do you struggle the most? How can we pray for you?