

IF YOU ONLY KNEW

WHY PEOPLE HIDE FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

IF YOU ONLY KNEW, PART 4: FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED

So what if someone knew everything? Everything. Would they hate you? Reject you? The truth is someone does know everything. And He loves you. The question is, how do you respond?

BIG IDEA: Completely loved people completely love people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

** Remember the goal is to use the questions to generate discussion, not to complete every one.*

1. Has this series so far helped you hide less of yourself from God and from others? How so?
2. What aspects of unconditional acceptance and unconditional forgiveness are hardest for you to accept? Why?
3. Jesus' love and acceptance of sinners is demonstrated magnificently in John 13:1-17.

¹ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will." ⁸ "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." ⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!" ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" ¹³ You call me "Teacher" and "Lord," and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them. John 13:1-17 (NLT)

4. When you read the text, what aspects of Jesus' actions surprise and inspire you the most?
5. Over time, how do you think the reality that Jesus completely knows you and completely loves you can change your life?
6. Completely loved people completely love others. This is what drove the explosive growth of the early church. Who can you think of that needs that kind of love? What will you do?

MOVING FORWARD

Who, among your family, friends, coworkers or circle of influence, needs to know they are completely known and completely loved? How can you extend that to them this week?