

Sermon Discussion Questions

To Know And Be Known – Grant Braaten

10 August 2025

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:3-9; 1 Corinthians 8:1-3;

Matthew 7:21-23

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

What if there was something even deeper than knowing God? This week in his message entitled **To Know And Be Known**, Pastor Grant explores the life-changing difference between knowing *ABOUT* God, knowing God, and being *KNOWN* by God. This message will challenge everything you thought you knew about a relationship with God. Let's dive in and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to spend some time and think about the gift of prophecy and how it can be done “right” or “wrong”. What are some of your thoughts?
2. What is something that really resonated with you from the message this week?
3. What does it look like to love God with our mind? How is this at odds with the “fight or flight” mode we often find ourselves experiencing?
4. It matters that we have the right knowledge of God, but is that all there is? What else is there? What are the different degrees of knowledge mentioned by Grant during his sermon? What is different about each one?
5. Read Matthew 7:21-23. From these verses, what is the impact of not being known by God? What can we learn from these verses?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Would you rather explore space or the depths of the oceans?
2. Is there a food you think you'd be unwilling to try? (Even if it was prepared by a master chef?)
3. What is the craziest thing you've put peanut butter on? Did it work?

6. What if God invites us to sit in our pain so He can know us in our pain? What happens in those moments?

APPLICATION

This week, identify something you have been afraid to give to God, and give it to Him. Sit with Him in this time and be known by Him.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Spiritual Gifts. This six-week class begins on 14 August and meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm at the New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. This class will examine what the Word of God actually says about spiritual gifts, attempt to remove confusion, and give room for personal reflection, growth, and activation. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newbie to the gifts, there's edification for all in this multidimensional teaching.

Please register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+5jb864z>

Family Sunday, 17 August, 10:00am. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Youth and kids are taking over and we are only going to have **one service at 10:00 am** so that our entire church family can worship together. We will not have any kids' classes, including nursery, because we want all families to be able to participate in the service together.

Back To School Bash, 17 August, 4:00-7:00pm. New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. We're celebrating with games, food, music, and fun to start the school year off right. We'd love for your student (7-12 grade) to join us! Your whole family is invited to this event! This year we'll be having a color war! Please make sure your kids wear white if they can. They may also want to wear sunglasses to protect their eyes.

Pneuma Night, 22 August, 7:00pm. New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Pneuma Nights are nights set apart to go after the very Person and gifts of the Holy Spirit. There will be worship, teaching, and a specific time to pray for encounter. All ages are welcome.

Selah Saturday, 23 August, 9:00-11:00am. New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Attention ladies! Join us on Saturday, August 23rd, for Selah Saturday. Bring a dish to share and come ready to have intentional time in fellowship with the women of New Wine Church.

The Call – Men's Retreat. 3-4 October. Lake Maurer Retreat Center, Excelsior Springs, MO. Join us for two powerful days of spiritual growth, worship, brotherhood, and unforgettable fun — all centered around being Rooted in Christ. The guest speaker is renowned author, Bob Sorge. Register at: <https://nwckc.com/men?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2LytjeDcyNnd6L3JlZ2lzdGVyP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmbZW1iZWQ9dHJlZSZeZWVlbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VuZGFjdXRIU2x1Zz0lMkZidngyHnJ>

FINAL THOUGHT

The deepest longing of the human heart is to be known.