

June 24th 2018: Knowing Is More Than Half the Battle

## **Opening**

- Have you ever experienced a time when you realized you didn't know someone or something as well as you thought you did? How awkward was it?
- Has there ever been a clearly defined moment where you felt like you belonged somewhere?

## Discussion

- Did last week's sermon help you manage your anxiety at all this week? Did you have any victories over anxiety?
- Have you ever believed the false idea that God wants something from you?
- Eric said, "God wants something for you." What is it that God wants for you?
- Have you ever learned to obey through being asked to do something you really didn't want to do and doing it anyway?
- Read Ephesians 1:15-16. How does being included change the way you pray?
- According to Ephesians 1:17, what do we need from God? How do these things help us know God better?
- What is the purpose of prayer and faith?
- What does it mean that you only know God to the degree you obey and experience him?
- What are some things you have experienced that have made you better know God? (Eric used loving his enemies as an example.)
- Read Ephesians 1:18-19a. What are the three things Paul wants us to know?
- Read Ephesians 1:19b-23. What do you think about this power available to all of us? Do you have this on your mind when you pray?

## **Application**

- Eric said, "the reason we don't ask God to help us know him more, is that we think we already know enough of him." How can we practically get to know God better this week?
- Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you know him more.