GROUP STUDY - FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

What was the most significant thing you learned from the sermon or something in the sermon you didn't quite understand?

SHARE SCRIPTURE

Share Scripture that moved you from simply knowing what God says to obeying Him. If you don't have one, consider James 1:22–25; 2:14-17; Psalm 119:9–11; John 14:15; Matthew 7:24-27

DIGGING INTO THE TEXT - 1 JOHN 2:3-6

- How does John's use of the word "know" challenge the idea that Christian faith is merely agreeing with certain facts about God?
- Why is treasuring God's Word essential to obeying it?
- According to 1 John 2:3–4, what does a pattern of disobedience reveal about someone's claim to know God?
- How do 1 John 2:5, John 14:15, and John 15:10 define love for God?
- What do Acts 5:29 and Matthew 10:28 reveal about the cost of obeying God—and about whom we should fear most?
- What relationship does 1 John 2:6 establish between abiding in Christ and following Christ's example?

THE TAKEAWAYS

HIDE GOD'S WORD IN YOUR HEART

Psalm 119:9–11; John 15:3; John 17:17

- According to Psalm 119:9–11, what must we do with God's Word if we want it to guard our lives against sin?
- What is the difference between reading God's Word merely to gain information and hiding it in your heart?
- Where does God's Word need to correct the direction of your thoughts, speech, choices, or desires?

BEWARE OF PROFESSION WITHOUT PRACTICE

Matthew 17:5; Matthew 7:21–24; Titus 1:16

- Jesus warns that calling Him "Lord" is not the same as submitting to Him as Lord. What is the difference between religious activity and doing the Father's will?
- If someone judged your profession only by your conduct, what would your life say you believe about Jesus?
- When you examine the direction of your life, where do you see evidence that knowing Christ is changing how you live? Where is your profession still ahead of your practice?

Read Psalm 139:23–24 together. Ask God to expose every place where your conduct contradicts your profession. Confess what the Holy Spirit reveals, then pray for the energy and determination to be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer.