



## Small Group Sermon Guide

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### Knowledge | 2 Peter 1:5

<sup>ESV</sup> **2 Peter 1:5-6** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with *knowledge*...

**Main Point:** Knowledge *ignites* your *walk* with *God*.

**Take Home Point:** Allow knowledge to *guide* you to Christ-like *action* in your life.

### GETTING TO KNOW ME

*Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to generate responses that are self-revealing and informative. Feel free to ask all of these questions to your group or simply choose the one that best fits your group.*

1. What are you most knowledgeable about?
2. Is your relationship with Jesus more “cognitive” or “experiential?” Why?

### INTO THE BIBLE

*Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to draw group members into the Bible to discover truth from passages that were not the primary text for the weekend message.*

1. Read Psalm 19:7 and Psalm 119:130. Can anyone understand the Bible? Explain. Now read Luke 24:25. Why do people misunderstand the Bible? What can you do to make sure that you understand the Bible correctly?
2. Read Luke 12:41-48. What’s the caution with gathering knowledge? So, is it better for us to remain in ignorance? Explain.
3. Read Deuteronomy 29:29. If Scripture doesn’t forbid something explicitly or by implication, is it sin? Does God require anything of us that isn’t written in Scripture? How does this affect the difficult decisions you’re trying to make today? How do you use Scriptures when making decisions?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16. Who is the “natural person?” What’s one of the advantages to having the “Spirit who is from God” when reading the Bible? How can we make sure that our souls and minds are postured to correctly interpret spiritual truths? (Hint: See Psalm 119:18 for one example.)

## **APPLICATION**

*Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to apply the main points from the weekend message.*

1. How does our world discover knowledge? How does God want us to discover knowledge? Why isn't going to church enough? What does it look like for you to "engage" the Bible? Go into detail with your group. (e.g., Do you pray before reading it? Do you memorize it? Do you study it? Etc.)
2. How has knowledge ignited your relationship with God? How has it harmed your relationship with Him?
3. What knowledge have you acquired that's guiding you to Christ-like action in your life? Is this action difficult or easy? If it's difficult, what can you do to obey it?

## **PRAYER**

*Instructions: In addition to your normal time of prayer, please spend some time praying through the following points from the sermon.*

1. Pray that God would give you a greater desire to read His Word.
2. Pray that God would give you greater understanding of His Word.